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THE YEAR WAS ONE PUNCTUATED BY DRAMATIC CHANGE



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AND AROUND THE WORLD. *L'ACADIEN* OPENS WITH AN

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CHANGE

NOW AND THEN. BY JEFF GREMILLION

C hange. The word, by its very nature, is unsettling.

The Way Things Have Always Been, an institution upheld in the mores of our bureaucratic society, falters under its weight.

Change rips apart the threads that bind traditions together. It melts the glue that holds yesterday's standards firmly in their places. It challenges the powers that be, calls faith into question and, at times, it offends.



DANIEL LINCOLN

CLOUDS ROLL ABOVE THE HEADS OF STUDENTS WALKING TO CLASS IN THE QUAD. STEPHENS HALL, THE OLD LIBRARY, SITS PROMINENTLY IN THE CENTER.



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A CURIOUS KITTY AND THREE DAFFY DUCKS STROLL WATCHFULLY BY THE POND IN GIRARD PARK.



AFTERNOON SUN FILTERS THROUGH THE FOLIAGE THAT COVERS THE GROUND AND THE TREES IN FRONT OF CONDEMNED JUDICE HALL.

SGA COORIDINATOR TONI STEWART GETS A SHOCK AT HER GOING-AWAY PARTY AS A STRIPPING GORILLA SHAKES HIS BEHIND IN HER FACE. STEWART LEFT HER SGA POST AFTER THREE YEARS OF SERVICE.



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hether we like it or not, change happens. It always has.

The ideas of the past, those of the men and women who preceded us, are exposed to the proverbial test of time. The good ideas survive. And the not-so-good ones burn on the pyres of analysis and reason; they fall when set beside new ideas, better ideas. Change happens, and something new is born.

This concept of change has been in motion since the first idea was formed. Historically, however, it has been fought. Fleeting victories have been won by its opponents, but, ultimately, change prevails. New replaces old.

Some change is more drastic than other change. That more drastic kind of change is the kind that some people fight. It is the kind that shocks the system just as surely as a lightning bolt could.

The year 1991 was filled with such change. A new USL registration system. A new openness about relationships and religion. A new state lottery. A new government in the Soviet Union. A new war for American history books. And a new national disgrace for Louisiana: the gubernatorial run-off.

The system was shocked plenty.



DANNY LINCOLN

A MODERN DESIGN OF COLORFUL MATERIALS AND CREATIVE SHAPES IS DISPLAYED IN FRONT OF FLETCHER HALL.

THE TRADITIONAL "STUDYING-UNDER-A-TREE" PHOTO: A STUDIOUS TRI-DELTA MAKES THE BEST OF A BRIGHT SPRING DAY AND THE SHADE OF A JAPANESE TULIP TREE.



LEE TAI

PERSIAN GULF WAR PROTESTERS EMPLOY THEIR FIRST AMENDMENT RIGHT TO PEACABLY DEMONSTRATE THEIR FEELINGS ON THE CORNER OF JOHNTSON AND UNIVERSITY. THEIR VIEWS WERE NOT POPULAR, HOWEVER, AS USL HAD MORE STUDENTS ACTIVATED TO FIGHT THAN ANY OTHER UNIVERSITY.



KAREN BLANCHARD

A SHOCK TO THE SYSTEM

In the spirit of that brand of mind-expanding change, *L'Acadien* staff presents the 1991 USL yearbook, "A Shock to the System."

It was not only our intention to fill its pages with evidence that dramatic change was a common theme for the events of the year. It was also our intention to fill its pages in such a way as to reflect that dramatic change. We developed a fresh concept and what we think is a unique approach to compiling 1991 in words and pictures. It is, we believe, a yearbook like USL has never seen. Perhaps like nobody's seen.

It was our desire to be new and different. We feel a university like USL is the best place for that type of thing.



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RAGIN' CAJUN, THE USL BULLDOG, SHOWS HIS PATRIOTISM AS HE POSES BEFORE THE STARS AND STRIPES.

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STUDENT LIFE

Sex. Religion. War. These multi-faceted concepts have been persistently

debated by the wisest men and women in history. They are concepts that

have, at one time or another, flashed across all of our minds. They are among

the topics students were talking about in 1991. *L'Acadien* was listening.



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LOVING HANDS. RELATIONSHIPS AND ALL THAT ACCOMPANIES THEM HAVE ALWAYS PLAYED A PART IN THE MINDS OF STUDENTS.



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A SNAKE SKIN BELT IS ONE THING, BUT, MAYBE THIS IS GOING TO FAR. SOPHOMORE WILL BYARD WEARS HIS PET SNAKE.

BUSY STUDENTS IN A HURRY ARE A BLUR IN THE UNION DURING THE FIRST WEEK OF SCHOOL IN THE FALL.

BUILDING A RELATIONSHIP IS
OFTEN PAINFUL AND CONFUSING, BUT THE
REWARDS ARE SWEET FOR THOSE WHO MEET
THE CHALLENGE

Love, Sex & Dating



LEE TAI

KISSING IN THE MIST,
CHANCE CORTEZ AND GIRL-
FRIEND SHANNON MATHIS
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Ah, Romance

BY JENNIFER JUNEAU

Communication, honesty and sex are three major components of a loving relationship, according to a social psychology professor and two couples at USL.

Dr. Robert Bothwell, professor of social psychology, said "the most important factor in a successful relationship is how similar the people are." He explained

that similarity in the areas of "socioeconomic status, demographics, and leisure preferences" provided the type of environment conducive to a lasting relationship.

Bothwell also said that sex is a major element in most relationships.

"If a relationship lasts a month," he said, "sex is usually a component."

Most relationships that develop on campus, Bothwell



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LEE TAI

concluded, are short-term, lasting less than a year. He said that one reason for this is that most college-aged men and women get bored with relationships quickly.

Many college students are concerned with maintaining the status quo and are casual about sex, according to the psychologist. Others, he said, are internally driven and tend to do what they think is right, not what they think the majority of other people would approve.

But before sex becomes a factor and the more profound elements of a relationship can be developed, the male and the female must meet.

A recent survey published in *USA Today* revealed that 32 percent of the 878 adults polled said that they met their romantic interests through friends or relatives. According to that same poll, 18 percent met at school, 17 percent through organized activities, 15 percent at work and 5 percent at church.

Many USL couples said that their relationships usually had their start on campus. Wendy Baudoin and Terry Braun, both Criminal Justice majors, got to know each other when they took a class together.

"We met in a first aid class and have been knowing each other for two years now," explained Braun. He added that he and Baudoin became close when he helped her through some problems with her boyfriend of the time. Later Braun and Baudoin began dating.

Seanne Farmer, a Theatre

major, and Mike Polson, an English major, met through a mutual friend. They have been dating for over a year and attribute their successful relationship to honesty and openness.

The early stages of a relationship can be a stressful period, particularly that first date. However, Braun and Baudoin claimed they had no anxieties. Having already known each other for two years, they both said they were very comfortable on their first date.

Kissing, according to Braun, enhances a relationship.

"Kissing is very important," he said, "because it brings intimacy to the relationship. It keeps things going."

Polson and Farmer said they kissed "ten minutes into our first date." They're not the only ones. Many USL couples admitted to locking lips on date number one.

Braun said that sex is important also. He explained that sex brings two people closer together and allows them to share things that can't be shared under less intimate circumstances.

Sex is not something that should be entered into lightly, according to Polson and Farmer. They said that a sexual union should only occur after love has been expressed in other ways and, then, only after two people have gotten to know

each other well.

Some couples believe a firmer commitment is necessary before moving the relationship to the sexual level. Baudoin said

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FOR TIM O'QUINN AND
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FOR SMILES.

that her roommate and her roommate's fiancé are waiting until they are married to have sex.

"People may have sex on the first date," Farmer said, "but those kinds of relationships don't last."

Polson said that he and Farmer dated for a while then made sure they loved each other before engaging in sex. Honesty and open communication, not sex, is what they rely on to get through the rough times.

"When we get angry, we let each other know," Polson explained. "We also allow each other to be independent."

While a break-up is not an enjoyable experience, most college students have undergone it. Most couples will agree that a lasting relationship requires work.

According to Polson, people who allow a relationship to end are "too immature to realize what they need to do to keep the relationship going."



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MARC D'AUNOY AND
FELICIA BOURQUE
ENJOY EACH OTHERS'
COMPANY AT
DOWNTOWN ALIVE.

DANIEL LINCOLN

More and more unmarried men and women are living together these days. Asked why that is, many USL students said it was to "share the expenses."

Debbie Kelley and Michael Ducote were sharing a two-bedroom apartment this past spring. The two have been friends most of their lives and their relationship is "strictly platonic."

"I was looking for a roommate to move in the apartment, and I was also helping Michael look for an apartment," said Kelley.

"No one could afford to move out, and since I knew Michael needed a place," she continued, "my mother suggested that I ask him to move in."

The situation was temporary though; Michael moved in with a male friend in August, and Debbie has also found a same-sex roommate. But the arrangement had proved quite beneficial to both of them.

"I would not do it any differently," Ducote said, "because we are both very serious about bills and getting them paid. We know that each other is responsible."

According to Kelley, "the only real problem that came up was privacy." But she added that the two worked opposite hours so it

Living in Sin?

wasn't much of a problem, "except in the morning."

Changing societal views on the subject mean that some people no longer immediately assume a sexual relationship, although those cases do exist.

Denise Hebert and her boyfriend, Greg Gibson, share a three-bedroom apartment with two other girls.

"Kelly, Leslie and I were looking for a three-bedroom apartment but could not afford it with just the three of us," Hebert

explained. She added that one of the other girls suggested Gibson moving in with them and paying a fourth of the expenses "since he would be there most of the time anyway."

That is exactly what happened, and no real problems have come up so far. The only catch is that Hebert's parents do not know about her boyfriend's role in the living arrangement.

"They wouldn't be too happy about it," Hebert confided.

Since Hebert and Gibson are dating and sharing a room, this arrangement qualifies as a sexual one. But they do have two other roommates and, as they explained, the main reason for the arrangement is to share expenses.

Gibson said, "It's not like we're married or anything." 

BY STACY LANDRETH

Premarital sex. Religion. The two just don't fit in the same sentence.

Despite the fact it is commonly accepted that the majority of Americans become sexually active before they marry — even in traditionally religious communities like Lafayette — local members of the clergy urge abstinence from premarital sex.

According to the associate pastor of Asbury United Methodist Church, Dr. Sam Reeves, "Sex is reserved for marriage. It is designed for a specific human relationship. Having sex before that relationship is established is a bad choice."

Ashley Landry agrees. Landry, a USL student, dated her former boyfriend for more than a year and never had sex. "It is a big responsibility both physically and emotionally," she said.

Landry believes that sex puts unnecessary pressure on a relationship. "Sex is not a bad thing, and it doesn't necessarily lead to ruin. Both people must be sure that everything is right, though."

Angelle Breaux, another USL

student, said she will wait until she's married to have sex. "I was brought up in the Catholic religion, and these are the morals that were taught to me by my parents," she said. "I want to be sure [sex is] special, with the right person."

The church believes that parents and schools are not doing enough to advocate abstinence. "There is tremendous fear surrounding this topic. There is no openness and most people just don't deal with it," said Father Keith Lebove of Wisdom Catholic church on campus.

Breaux said that respect and honesty, not sex, are the most important elements for the the players in a relationship. She said, "If they really love you like they say they do, it's worth the wait." ■

Looks like Father Lebove is right. Nobody wants to go on the record about abstinence. Both of the abstaining USL students interviewed asked not to be identified. So the names were changed to protect the innocent. Pardon the pun. —Editor

Sex & the Church

BY STACY LANDRETH



DANIEL LINCOLN

MOST CHRISTIAN MINISTERS, AND A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF USL UNDERGRADS, JUST SAY "NO" TO PREMARITAL SEX.

Braun's hypothesis is that monotony leads to the death of a relationship. He said people lose interest when they do the same things on every date.

A fight needn't be the end of a relationship, according to Braun. He said, "A good fight every now and then is good. It puts both people in line. Besides, making up is the fun part."

According to Bothwell, breaking up is hard to do — especially if the couple is very close. He attributed this to what he calls the "investment hypothesis," which states that if people feel they have put a lot into a relationship, they will be reluctant to end it.

He added, however, that if there is a desirable alternative to the relationship, the break-up is easier. ■

Love's True Colors

FOR TWO USL INTERRACIAL COUPLES, LOVE AND COMMITMENT ARE MORE THAN SKIN DEEP



INTERRACIAL RELATIONSHIPS ARE FAR FROM COMMONPLACE IN SOUTHWEST LOUISIANA. MIXED COUPLES LOOK FORWARD TO THE COMING OF A MORE ACCEPTING FUTURE.

CHIP IS WHITE, AND MONIQUE IS BLACK. THEY'VE BEEN DATING SINCE 1989.

WHEN CHIP FIRST SAW MONIQUE, HE WAS CAUGHT OFF-GUARD BY HER UNIQUE BEAUTY. IT WAS DURING A CLASS AT THEIR BATON ROUGE HIGH SCHOOL, AND MONIQUE REMEMBERED HIS INITIAL REACTION.

"HE WAS STARING ME RIGHT IN THE FACE," SHE SAID.

IT TOOK SOME CREATIVE MATCH-MAKING BY SOME MUTUAL FRIENDS, BUT THE COUPLE EVENTUALLY GOT

together for a first date. That night they knew they would begin a relationship.

The love-struck teenagers learned quickly, however, that interracial relationships don't sit well with many people in Louisiana. Their first lesson was at home.

"My stepdad almost had a major heart attack," Monique said. She said her stepfather was openly upset with her choice of boyfriend. "He doesn't like white people," she explained.

Monique said that Chip's parents are polite when she's around, but "they try to get him to break up with me when I'm not there."

Asked whether or not that bothers him, Chip said that after dealing with a bigoted society for two years, "not much bothers n

BY JEFF GREMILLION

4." Though Monique said that her family's reaction upset her, she preferred their response to Chip's parents'. She said, however, that Chip's family was a good example of how white people treat her.

"White people are better actors," she added. "White kids will tell you 'nigger' behind your back and grin in your face. Black people will tell you how they feel."

Chip and Monique met at USL together in 1990. And they are big fans of the university. They said that, as early as freshmen orientation, they received favorable stares from other freshmen, both black and white.

But they say they're not interested in being accepted. "We're not looking for club membership," Monique said.

And she is especially pointed about her feelings concerning fellow students who disagree with her lifestyle. "You're not feeding or financing me, so fuck you."

Although the two say that they have been the victim of no campus violence, their fear of that shades the way they live out their college days.

Their defense mechanism is a cold, bitter facade. They present themselves as unapproachable and self-absorbed.

"We don't want people to think we're friendly," Monique said.

Chip and Monique, who both carry weapons at all times, have the idea that if you look like you're always ready to kick somebody's ass, you probably won't have to.

Chip said, "If you act intimidated, you'll be intimidated," adding, "we don't scare easily."

But there is one thing that does scare them, something they say they can't defend themselves against — discrimination at the hands of their instructors.

Monique claims she has already been treated

unfairly once by a teacher who learned what color her boyfriend is. For two ambitious young intellectuals like Chip and Monique, the possibility of unfair treatment by instructors is frightening. Their defense is simply hiding their relationship from USL's faculty.

That's why they asked that their real names not be used in this story. (They were not.) And that's why they refused to be photographed.

A t w o o d "Woody" Coleman and Shannon Murphy are another interracial couple on campus. He's black, and she's white.

They would agree with Chip and Monique that the university has a long way to go toward accepting

black and white couples, but they don't have nearly as much animosity for the USL community.

In fact, they have taken a road completely different than their counterparts. Woody and Shannon are involved in a number of important student organizations, where their contributions make a difference.

Woody is the president of Sigma Pi fraternity, the only interracial fraternity at USL. Shannon is a SGA senator for the College of Arts, Humanities and Behavioral Sciences. And they are both Student Orientation Staff (S.O.S.) group leaders and residence hall counselors.

Where Chip and Monique close themselves off, Woody and Shannon open themselves up.

Both couples face some of the same parent problems. Shannon said her dad is not overwhelmed with her relationship with Woody. She said he is

66 years old, "close-minded and set in his ways."

Like Chip and Monique, Woody and Shannon said that, when they go to a movie, more people watch *them* than the movie.

And both couples must deal with the rude stares of strangers. But for Woody and Shannon, it's a game.

"My favorite is in a restaurant," Woody said. He described a typical scene in which neighboring customers at a restaurant try unsuccessfully to be inconspicuous while staring at him and his date. Then he laughed.

"We think it's kinda funny," Woody said.

Both couples commented on the latest Spike Lee film, *Jungle Fever*.

The film is about an illicit interracial affair. Woody and Shannon said that, because the issue of interracial love was dealt with as an illegitimate relationship, the film was "almost a negative."

Chip and Monique hadn't seen the film and said they probably wouldn't because they had heard remarks about the film that were similar to Woody and Shannon's. They didn't like the idea of interracial relationships being portrayed as scandalously torrid and unreal.

Then Monique compared her own relationship to the one played out on the screen. She said, "What [Chip] and I have is real. It's serious. And we're not looking for jungle fever." ■



DANIEL LINCOLN

THE FLOWERS IN FRONT OF THE UNION PROVIDE A CAREFREE PLAYGROUND FOR WOODY COLEMAN AND SHANNON MURPHY.

Lords of the Rings

BY STACY LANDRETH

Imagine avoiding drop/add lines, having a whole month to choose classes and see your adviser, and actually knowing your schedule at the time of registration rather than sweating it out until grades are sent. Well, thanks to USL's phone registration which was officially christened in the summer, those fantasies are real.

The concept of telephone registration originated at Brigham Young University a few years ago. It made its way down to Louisiana, first to schools such as LSU and McNeese, through a company called Periphonics of Bohemia, New York.

**TWO ADMINISTRATORS COLLABORATED TO
DEVELOP A PHONE REGISTRATION SYSTEM THAT
WILL REVOLUTIONIZE THE WAY USL STUDENTS
ENROLL.**

In 1988, after being proved successful at other state schools, a Periphonics consultant came to design a unique program for USL. Three

years later the head-ache reducing, time-saving electronic registration program was put in place.

Registrar Wiltz Champagne and Harry Hebert, director of the Office of Information Systems, have been working out the kinks for quite some time.

Honors students served as a test group for the new procedure during the fall 1990 semester. Many filled out evaluation forms to assist in detecting the

system's shortcomings.

According to Champagne, problems at other Louisiana schools were the result of the procrastination of the students.

"The closer the beginning of classes came, the more students would realize that they must schedule classes," Champagne said. "Phone lines would then become overcrowded and students would spend a greater amount of time on the lines shopping for classes because of course closings."

Other than this flaw and a few electronic bugs, telephone registration has been proved successful at other schools. Although the overall concepts are quite similar, most phone systems vary from school to school depending on the needs of the institution. For example, USL's system has options that other schools don't have.

The "M," or "More," option gives additional details about a particular course, such as the location, times and days that the class meets-and most importantly, the number of seats left available. If a particular class is closed, the "S," or "Search," option allows the student to search for an open section. USL is the only university in the state with this option.

Assigned calling times help alleviate jammed telephone lines. In addition, the computer reports whether a prerequisite or corequisite class is required for a particular class.

Champagne said the average time spent registering for the summer semester was three minutes and, for the fall, about seven minutes. And the 22 phone lines were more than adequate, according to the registrar.

"The phone registration was really easy," said freshman Celeste Lemoine, an honors student in the test group. "It had a few problems-like it told me that one of my classes was closed when it actually was not-but I think that they got the bugs out." ■



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NURSING STUDENT CANDICE COUVILLON TAKES ADVANTAGE OF THE EASE AND CONVENIENCE OF PHONE REGISTRATION.



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REGISTRAR WILTZ CHAMPAGNE (IN REAR) AND HARRY HEBERT, DIRECTOR OF OFFICE OF INFORMATION SYSTEMS, DESIGNED THE NEW PHONE REGISTRATION SYSTEM.

USL students eat a heck of a lot of burgers and tacos.

In a leisurely noontime stroll from Dupré Library to the corner of St. Mary and Johnston, a passersby will see hundreds of students piling into the conveniently located fast food restaurants that are clustered in that part of campus. And a number of haphazardly sprinkled restaurants in other places near USL are the stage for a

Fast Food Frenzy

similar scene at lunch hour.

Even though nutrition experts agree that too much fast food could eventually lead to cardiovascular disease, some forms of cancer and a number of other serious health problems, the feast continues. Why?

Students say it's for a lot of reasons. But time seems to be the primary reason students have for often choosing fast food. Considering that many students have only an hour or less for lunch, a quick burger and fries is among the only dining alternatives.

Convenience is another factor in a college student's choice of fast food. Students avoid the hassle of preparing a meal themselves when they eat at McDonald's or the like. And many students don't even *have* the facilities to cook at home.

Some students say that they enjoy the fast food "atmosphere." It's noisy but relaxed, and they like that. That matches their moods at lunch time.

BY STELLA C. THERIOT

WHEN STUDENTS
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Cost certainly seems to dictate a college student's tastes in a number of areas, most notably their taste in food.

Wesley Turner, General Manager at Mr. Cook's on St. Mary, said that the big sellers among college students are whatever happens to be on sale. Turner, who has been at that Mr. Cook for eight years, observes that 90 percent of his customers are college students.

Taco Bell is on the corner of Johnston and St. Mary. The general manager there, Abu Zagrev, backed Turner's observation that "specials" are the biggest sellers. He said his restaurant does quite well with college students, mostly due to the specials that the chain offers regularly.

According to Chris Harmon, manager of Domino's Pizza on Johnston, 75 percent of the business brought in by specials is from college students.

On-campus food offerings reflect a high percentage of students choosing fast food. John Donaldson, director of USL Food Services, said that the demand for fast food has led them to upgrade the university's fast food options. He said that Elena's Snack Hut, Pastimes (within Groucho's) and The Snack Bar have all recently been reevaluated and renovated to serve students better.

What about taste? Do college students eat the amount of fast food they do because they like it?

Dana Prados, a junior majoring in Sociology, said "yes." Sort of.

"I prefer it over cafeteria food," Prados said. "[Fast food is] greasy a lot of times, but it's good."

Prados, who said she eats fast food "at least three times a week," was quick to point out that she realizes the health risk involved with too much of it. However, she said, "That's the sad part. Because of our schedules, a lot of times fast food is the only decent meal we have time for."

Shellie Dake, a sophomore in Sociology and Psychology, agrees with Prados. Dake says she tries to make healthy choices, like salads, when she eats in fast food restaurants.

"I want to live longer," Dake said. Fast food "seems to be more nutritious than the cafeteria food," which is supposed to be nutritionally balanced but leaves much to be desired, according to Dake.

Dr. Nellie Derise, registered dietitian on campus, explained that the



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THE HEADLIGHTS, STOPLIGHTS AND FASTFOOD LIGHTS OF JOHNSTON STREET BRIGHTEN CAMPUS ON A DARK NIGHT.

A BURGER TYME EMPLOYEE SETS UP A ROW OF FRENCH FRIES UNDER HEAT LAMPS.

FRIES, EVEN IF COOKED IN VEGETABLE OIL, ARE HIGH IN UNHEALTHY FAT CONTENT.

majority of fast food is high in fat, sodium, cholesterol, or a combination of the three. She also said that a high percentage of students who eat two fast food meals a day are probably not getting adequate nutrition.

Fast foods tend to be low in fiber and vitamins, such as A and C, she said. These low levels, combined with the high content of fat, sodium, and cholesterol, can lead to cardiovascular problems and high blood pressure. Derise

noted that these conditions, which once only afflicted persons 40 or older, are occurring more and more frequently in younger people. She said this shift may be diet related.

Considering that cardiovascular disease is the number one cause of death in the United States, students may need to take a closer look at what they are eating, the dietitian cautioned.

Derise said, "Students may be deceived by fast food manufacturers' claims about 'lighter' menu items." She said that the definition of "light" is dangerously ambiguous, pending the revamping of the labeling process by the FDA.

Derise said that despite claims of healthier menus, total calories of most fast food items are usually still quite high. And the percentage of calories from fat content is surprisingly high — even if the product is "cholesterol free."

Take french fries, for instance. The average college student may be shocked to learn that cholesterol free fries usually have a high fat content. And the thinner the fries, the higher the fat content because of a higher level of saturation.

Why should students be concerned about fat content? Because certain types of cancer are associated with the amount of fat in food.

This makes it hard to understand how some students who eat a lot of fast food, do so recklessly.

"I live for now," said Melissa Comardelle, a freshman in Public Relations, when asked if she was worried about the effects of a diet including a lot of fast food. In fact, most students said that it doesn't bother them that the fast food they eat is probably not the healthiest choice.

Derise explained why. "Young adults feel good regardless of what they eat," she said. She said that what most fail to realize is that fast foods start taking their toll immediately. Cardiovascular disease and high blood pressure may be developing when a person is in his twenties and not become apparent until he reaches his forties.

Derise said that fast food manufacturers do provide statements of content for the items on their menus and that students should get a copy of those statements. She said they should become more aware of what is healthy and what is not. ❧



TRENT MYERS

GRABBING A MEAL ON THE GO, USL STUDENT MICHAEL GUIDRY SAYS HE EATS FAST FOOD AT LEAST THREE OR FOUR TIMES A WEEK.

Coming Home

BY STELLA C. THERIOT

Despite the spirit and the slogan, the Ragin' Cajuns did not hold the winning ticket in their gamble against the Miami of Ohio's Redskins. The Cajuns lost, 20-14.

As is the custom, the UPC Homecoming Committee, this year headed by Tim Guidry, produced a pneumatic array of pregame spirit-builders.

Homecoming 1991 began Friday, September 27, a week before the game. Twenty-seven local businesses participated in "Paint the Town Red," a competition that allowed them to show their USL colors on their storefronts. The winners: Phi Kappa Theta for their work at Borden's Ice Cream shop on the corner of Johnston and Jefferson Streets, Phi Mu, who painted the windows at the USL branch of Premier Bank and the USL Marching Band for their work at Hub City Diner on South College.

Sunday brought the reception of the Homecoming court at the Alumni House. That same afternoon a Car Rally began at Bourgeois Hall. From provided clues, participants figured the locations of various citywide checkpoints. If they couldn't decipher the

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DANIEL LINCOLN

clues they could open sealed envelopes that contained the locations, but in the process would forfeit bonus points. They then raced to that location to receive further instructions. The forth and final checkpoint was back at Bourgeois Hall. Delta Delta Delta and Sigma Sigma Sigma sororities shared the victory.

Monday's activities began with a cake giveaway at noon in the Quad. At 4:30 p.m., scavenger hunters began a two-day quest for such items as a winning lottery ticket, a "Blondie" comic strip and a can of Mardi Gras beer (empty or full). Chi Omega Sorority members were the best scavengers. Winners for best homecoming display were announced at 6 p.m. Circle K International won in the independent category, the sorority award went to Sigma Sigma Sigma, and Sigma Nu won over other fraternities.

Tuesday was the Faculty Pie Throw. For the second consecutive year, SGA President John Morgan was seen leaving with pie on his face. SGA took the award for best faculty door display. That display featured a giant bulldog standing in a booth selling lottery tickets.

Cajun backers "yelled like hell" before a fireworks display at 7 p.m. at McNaspy Stadium.

Thursday was the first of two consecutive Car Spot Days. Twenty-five pairs of Homecoming game tickets were given away citywide to owners of cars bearing USL bumper stickers. The day ended with a Block Party/Pep Rally in the Quad which began at 11:30 p.m..

Homecoming Day began with a parade originating from the Old Charity parking lot at Brook Street at 10 a.m. The procession of court members, floats, outstanding alumni, other dignitaries and USL student organizations traveled down St. Mary Boulevard, turning right on Rex Street. It then made a right on Lewis Street, a left on Johnston Street, and right on Cajundome Boulevard, arriving at the Cajundome. The rest of the day was filled with luncheons and gatherings leading up to the 4 p.m. confrontation.

The pregame performance of the alumni band, its members sporting red berets, and flanked by the rifle corps and the alumni flag, stirred the crowd with renditions of "Respect" and the USL fight song.

At game time, four skydivers, displaying an American and a USL flag, parachuted in to deliver the game ball.

The crowd cheered the halftime performances of the USL Ragin' Band from Cajun Land and Ragin' Jazz.

Queen Holli Lynn Guidry, a post-baccalaureate student in education, reigned over Homecoming 1991. Guidry said she was overwhelmed by the excitement of it all. "It was exciting — all these feelings were racing through me while I was walking up the Field. I was excited, nervous and scared," she said.

Her court included Roxanne Boullard, a senior in Mass Communication;



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BOMBS BURST IN AIR ABOVE THE FIELD AT MCNASPY STADIUM AS PARTICIPANTS IN "YELL LIKE HELL" LOOK ON.

Shana Constable, a senior in Pre-Law; Catherine Asevedo, a senior in Criminal Justice; and Christy Sisley, a junior in English.

Guidry said that Homecoming is "a time when all students, faculty, staff members and alumni get together and celebrate USL spirit."

Dr. Samuel R. "Pete" Abramson, Class of 1937, agreed. He said that one of the greatest things about Homecoming is seeing old friends. He said that he and his wife, Bella Nickerson Abramson, who also graduated from USL, participate in Homecoming activities every year.


Abramson said that the couple love USL and are carrying on a tradition. "My mother was in the first graduating class in 1902," he said. Mrs. Abramson explained that when they were students they both participated in campus organizations. She was president of the Vermilion Honor Society. He was in the Chemistry Honor Society and was Intramural boxing champ.

Mrs. Abramson said that she was also queen of the Camellia Festival, which she described as a "beautiful event that is unfortunately not held any more."

Lionel and Carolyn Oubre, class of 1989 and 1986, respectively, said that Homecoming is literally "coming home." They also participate every year.

Dr. Ed Theriot, Class of 1976, summed it neatly. He and his family drove from Vicksburg, Miss. with other USL alumni to attend the event this year. Before the game, they walked through the campus to view the changes and reminisce.

Theriot described the feeling of pride that washed over him as he beheld the Walk of Honor.

As he talked, he looked out across Congress Street toward the Wetlands Research Center. "That's what Homecoming is about," he said, "watching the progress we have made — and coming home to celebrate it." 



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HOMEcoming COURT MEMBERS SMILE ON THEIR ADORING PUBLIC AT THE GAME. THEY ARE, LEFT TO RIGHT, ROXANNE BOULLARD, SHANA CONSTABLE, QUEEN HOLLI LYNN GUIDRY, CATHERINE ASEVEDO AND CHRISTY SISLEY.

HOMEcoming COMPETITION WINNERS*

Sweepstakes

Fraternity: ΣΝ, ΦΚΘ, ΣΑΕ

Sorority: ΣΣΣ, ΔΔΔ, ΦΜ

Independent: Circle K International, USL Band

Paint the Town Red

Fraternity: ΦΚΘ, ΣΝ, ΛΧΑ, ΘΞ

Sorority: ΦΜ, ΔΔΔ, ΣΣΣ, ΚΔ

Independent: USL Band, Circle K International, UPC Entertainment, Residence Hall Association

Display

Fraternity: ΣΝ, ΣΑΕ, ΦΚΘ, ΛΧΑ

Sorority: ΣΣΣ, ΦΜ, ΔΔΔ, ΚΔ

Independent: Circle K International, Wesley United Campus Ministry, Newman Club, Residence Hall Association

Yell Like Hell

Fraternity: ΦΚΘ, ΣΝ, ΚΑ, ΣΑΕ

Sorority: ΣΣΣ, ΔΔΔ, ΦΜ, ΚΔ

Independent: UPC Entertainment, Circle K International, USL Band

Parade

Fraternity: ΣΝ, ΦΚΘ, ΣΑΕ, ΚΑ

Sorority: ΣΣΣ, ΔΔΔ, ΚΔ, ΦΜ

Independent: Circle K International, Wesley United Campus Ministry / ΔΣΠ, Newman Club, ΧΑ

*Winners are listed in descending order with regard to how they placed.

The Naked Truth

BY JENNIFER JUNEAU

Flashers have been doing their thing quite a lot in the last few years at USL.

One of the most well-known flasher cases was that of Harvey F. Castex, Jr. His method of operation was to stand in a window in the quadrangle with his pants down, allowing the window shade to cover the top half of his body.

Castex, 38, indecently exposed himself for the last time in the quad's Lee Hall in August of 1990.

A girl in the quad saw him acting suspicious a short while after the incident occurred. She alerted the University Police, who caught him as he was leaving Maxim Doucet Hall. Castex confessed to several quad flashings.

Unfortunately, however, catching a flasher usually isn't that easy.

Sgt. Rose Latiolais of the University Police said that it is difficult to catch flashers

because, by the time the police have been alerted of the crime, the suspect has had time to flee.

Latiolais explained that most flashers appear during the summer and spring se-

esters. She attributed the seasonal behavior to what she calls the "Denbo Beach," girls sunbathing near Hamilton Hall during the spring and summer semesters.

Latiolais and the UPs have worked to catch several flashers over the past few years. Among them: Melvin Alex, 44, apprehended in January of 1991 in Dupré Library. The police sergeant explained that incidents of men exposing themselves occur year-round in the library.

UPs have a routine process for attempting to catch a flasher, and it involves live bait, according to Latiolais. She explained that, first, plain clothes officers position

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themselves near the scene of a predicted flash crime. Then they set up a decoy, a female officer or a female dorm counselor, to draw the flasher out. If he exposes himself, they've got their man.

One flasher was being sought by university police in September. Latiolais worked with victims to produce a composite picture of the suspect who was a black male, around 40 years old, with a beard and glasses.

In addition to what the police can do concerning catching flashers, Latiolais said that media coverage of indecent exposure crimes is step in the right direction. She said that when stories about flashers appear in *The Vermilion*, student awareness of such crimes increases.

Lisa Traylor, editor of *The Vermilion*, explained that the reason for running prominently placed stories following all flasher incidents is because it is such an unusual crime.

"It's happening repeatedly," she said, "and we're hoping that the more students are aware of the problem, the sooner the flashers will be caught."

According to Traylor, the more publicized the crimes are, the easier it is for victims to come forward and report such crimes.

Edward Pratt, dean of students, said that since the stories were printed in *The Vermilion*, more "near catches" have occurred.

In the early fall, Pratt predicted that indecent exposure crimes should see a decrease. He explained that the university had placed a uniformed officer in Dupre Library each evening. Pratt said he feels that this, along with the threat of negative publicity, should deter other flashers. ❧



JOHN WEIMER

DUPRÉ LIBRARY HAS BEEN SUCH A POPULAR SIGHT FOR FLASHERS THAT THE UNIVERSITY POLICE EVENTUALLY DECIDED TO PLACE AN OFFICER THERE EVERY NIGHT.



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WAR

On The Homefront

BY TRENT MYERS & TODD KLEINPETER

On January 16, 1991, President Bush declared war against Iraq. It was the United States' first major offensive operation since Vietnam two decades ago, and American troops were once again fighting on foreign soil.

When news arrived that the first air raids had begun, chills raced down the nation's back as its young men and women began to battle the oppressor that Kuwait was not equipped to fight.

Max Savoy, a sophomore majoring in general studies and a Marine

Reservist, described his time in Kuwait as an "experience." He said that his first priority while there was "mission accomplishment." After that came "staying alive and keeping your people alive."

He emphasized the fact that people in other countries often exist on levels much lower than that of the average American. "Nobody here realizes how good we have it in this country until they've been to another country," he said.

Students at USL might complain about their situation, he said, but it is only



JOHNNY STAFFORD

THROUGHOUT THE WAR, YELLOW RIBBONS SYMBOLIZED THE ABSENCE OF RELATIVES AND FRIENDS IN THE MILITARY.

"books and boloney."

Approximately 600 USL students, all National Guardsmen or reservists of some description, were called to active duty and sent to the hostile Persian Gulf. Their loss was felt throughout the university. Student soldiers bid farewell to their families, classmates, girlfriends, boyfriends, fraternity brothers and co-workers.

Of the university's 39 bus drivers, eight were activated during the war, according to Lucien Gastineau, director of Parking and Transit. "There lives have changed and they're doing different things," he said.

He explained that because drivers must have commercial drivers licences it took him a while to find supplemental drivers when his drivers were called to duty. "It put a bind on us until we got acclimated to it," he said. "Thank goodness it was the end of the semester."

The University Police Department also lost eight officers to military service during the war. Director Marc Cossich explained that, since the department is used to a high turnover rate, he was able to compensate for the activated officers. "I hated to see 'em go, and I missed 'em, but it didn't effect our job any," he said. He added that the last of the eight to return was back on duty by August 1.

Soldiers were forced to leave school during the semester and, according to Wayne Theriot, director of business services, it was necessary to guarantee that

these students would receive the education that had already been paid for. Students who were called to duty near midterm had the option of either resigning from the university and receiving a complete refund or taking an "incomplete"

Tin their courses. The incomplete grade meant that when a student returned, he would be allowed to pick up a class at the point where he left. In this way he could get full credit without having to retake the entire class. Those who received their orders in December had the additional option of simply taking the grade they had earned without having to take the final exam, if the instructor for each class consented.

Lony Fabre, a sophomore majoring in History, was activated on October 11. "I was studying for midterms when they activated me," he said. He explained that his resignation from the university came automatically — he didn't have any options. The national government resigned him.

Because he is a National Guardsman, his tuition is paid by the government, so he didn't get a refund, and he has to repeat the courses he was enrolled in when he was activated.

Of the time he put into studying, he said good naturedly, "It's lost, there's nothing you can do about it."

A member of Phi Kappa Theta fraternity and a National Guardsman, Fabre, after arriv-

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STATIONED AT FORT HOOD DURING DESERT STORM. SENIOR JAMES ALFORD, WAS BACK AT HIS BUS DRIVING JOB FOR THE SUMMER SESSION.

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The WAR Years



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THE RECENT PERSIAN GULF WAR AND THE VIETNAM WAR OF 20 YEARS AGO HAVE BOTH HAD A TREMENDOUS EFFECT ON OUR COUNTRY.

CLOSER TO HOME, THEY HAVE AFFECTED COLLEGE STUDENTS WHO WERE CALLED OUT OF SCHOOL TO FIGHT IN A

UNLIKE THE VIETNAM WAR, THE PERSIAN GULF WAR GARNERED OVERWHELMING SUPPORT FROM THE PEOPLE AT HOME.

place they knew nothing about. The wars affected the families and friends of soldiers who traveled miles from home, and, in the case of Vietnam, never returned.

In both cases USL student protests increased war awareness and opened the eyes of the community, faculty, and other students to the seriousness of the conflict.

Commenting on Vietnam, Raymond Blanco, vice president of Student Affairs, said that the war did not "cut loose" on campus until the late sixties and early seventies.

At that time, he said, "USL demonstrations were prompted by the massive protests at Kent State and Jackson State."

Vietnam protests on USL's campus included peace marches, rallies in the Quad involving hundreds of people, bomb threats and even an attempt to burn the ROTC building.

Despite the excitement, there were no injuries and few arrests as a result of these demonstrations.

"The administration always had a good rapport with the protesters," said Blanco. He added that the protesters "contributed a great deal in furthering freedom of speech and freedom-of-expression ideals on campus. It made the administration realize that they must deal more directly with students' needs."

A direct result of the Vietnam protests was the creation of the University Police Department (UPD).

Prior to the war the UPD didn't exist, but during a rally on the steps of Martin Hall, crowds began to get out of hand and outside police agencies had to be called in. This prompted the administration to create the department so that similar situations could be remedied within the university.

According to Blanco, USL students had mixed feelings about the Vietnam war. The number of student protesters fluctuated according to what was happening overseas, and demonstrations surrounding schools influenced student involvement. Faculty sentiment was overwhelmingly pro-war, he said, but when the draft was announced, many professors and administrators switched to the anti-war side.

"It (the war) really slipped up on us... it was a virus," said Blanco.

The situation during the Persian Gulf differed from its earlier counterpart in several ways. The

BY STACY LANDRETH & JENNIFER JUNEAU

itary objectives were defined, victory was expected from the start, and a familial, patriotic sentiment swept the nation.

Before it happened, most people opposed a war," said Christalyn Hebert, a USL Arts major who was among the protesters of Desert Storm. "But," she continued, "after the U.S. dominated, it became like a video game. People liked the action."

Blanco also referred to video technology in relation to the war.

"It was a television war," he said. "Only we never saw the body bags. We only saw the SCUD missiles destroyed by U.S. made Patriots."

Signs urging us to "Support Our Troops" and others proclaiming that "Blood Is Thicker Than Oil" jockeyed for position on lawns across the country, even on the grounds of the campus.

Reasons for the protests of both sides were similar.

Hebert encapsulated the sentiment of the protesters by stating, "There is no reason for bloodshed. We have not put our lives on earth to fight."

"Blood is thicker than oil," he said.

Opposed to conflict, Hebert said she saw compromise as the key to resolving the problem but noted that there was too much pride, greed, and prejudice on the parts of both the United States and Iraq.

Dennis Walsh, a USL graduate student, and a member of The University Committee for Peace (UCPEACE), played a major role in organizing the Desert Storm protest movement on campus. Walsh and fellow UCPEACE members, John Hebert and Bill Hayes planned rallies, wrote petitions, and expressed their disagreement with the government on issues concerning the war. About 100 signatures were obtained on a petition that rejected the use of military force in the Persian Gulf.

Senator John Breaux responded with a statement saying that he appreciated receiving the views of the students and faculty of USL; however, he expressed his support for President Bush and that he believed that Bush would make the right decisions for a quick and peaceful resolution. Even from the beginning, when President Bush was trying economic sanctions to avoid military

conflict, Walsh, former liberal columnist for *The Vermilion*, believed a full-scale war would occur. "I could see the writing on the wall," he said. "It's almost as if [the U.S. government] wanted a war from the start."

Walsh explained that, before the war began, public sentiment was against it, but the media had a tremendous impact after those first U.S. air attacks. "The media hype made it seem unpatriotic to speak out against U.S. policy during the wartime situation," He said.

Since Louisiana was one of the first states to begin the call-up process, many students found themselves on active duty rather than taking their fall semester finals.

Because of the United States' straightforward military objectives and obvious domination from the beginning, Americans once again knew the thrill of victory, a feeling that was absent during the Vietnam years.

While Vietnam became an ongoing and seemingly unending saga, the war in the Persian Gulf lasted only a few

months. During the Gulf War, the media, which showed us body bags and gave us daily death counts during the Vietnam years, hardly made mention of the casualties. Still, it was difficult to be discouraged by a war that was so brief and so exemplary of American skill.

Public sentiment for returning troops was another factor that set the two wars apart. Desert Storm soldiers received an unprecedented "Welcome back!"; Vietnam veterans were barely recognized when they returned.

Will Bienvenu is a former USL student and a member of the Helicopter Media Marines. He served in the Vietnam War.

Commenting on the contrasting public opinion between that war and the one in the Persian Gulf he said, "The support that they (Persian Gulf soldiers) received was great, and they deserved it. But they got what we should have gotten as well."

Bienvenu's primary jobs during the Vietnam War were air/sea rescue missions, flying in special forces, and picking up wounded and dead soldiers.

"We went through a lot," he explained. "We were out there doing what the government told us to do, only, when we returned home, we were spit on."

The support, and lack of support, for each war had a lot to do with victory. Vietnam was the first and only time that the United States did not have a clear cut victory in a major war. The conflict took place in a decade of great turmoil and social change. Reasons for involvement in Vietnam were debatable; military objectives were ambiguous.

The Persian Gulf War, on the other hand, came at a time when people were once again beginning to sense the need for strong, common values. The economy was in a recession and many saw war as a possible solution. And military objectives were clear cut.

The Persian Gulf and Vietnam wars had a generation between them. Both were fought on alien soil. Both were fought for reasons that are, to some unclear. Why did we go to war this time? Was it because of oil? Was it in reaction to the actions of a madman? Was it because of the threat of chemical warfare? Was it to prove our military prowess and superiority?

Quite possibly it was a little of each; maybe it was none of the above. The point is, both conflicts affected every American. In 1991, USL students felt a hint of what their parents' generation had experienced. The major difference is that this generation was left with the taste of victory. ☐



THE ADMINISTRATION ALWAYS HAD A GOOD RAPPORT WITH PROTESTERS.



DANIEL LINCOLN

A YELLOW RIBBON 'ROUND AN OLD OAK TREE PROCLAIMS THE SUPPORT A NATION HAS FOR ITS FIGHTING MEN AND WOMEN IN THE PERSIAN GULF.

LETTERS

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DESERT

NATIONAL GUARDSMAN, SPC. HENRY M. "MIKE" DRAKE, III, 20, OF PORT GIBSON, MISS., SERVED IN THE 114TH MILITARY POLICE COMPANY FROM VICKSBURG, MISS. IN RIYADH, THE CAPITAL OF SAUDI ARABIA. AN ENGLISH MAJOR, DRAKE WAS ACTIVATED ON SEPT. 12, 1990, AND LEFT FOR SAUDI ARABIA NOV. 10, 1990. HE RETURNED TO THE UNITED STATES ON MAY 19, 1991. HE WROTE THIS LETTER TO HIS FAMILY ON JAN. 1, 1991.

Dear Ma, Pa and John Boy

Guess what's up? Not much. 2:30 a.m. — sitting on my post. Ushered in the new year with some grumpy ol' Security Police fart from Tendall Air Force Base. Didn't even get a kiss at midnight.

Christmas was different this year. Fortunately I had Christmas day off. I managed to hold off opening presents people had sent me until Christmas morning so I had some things to unwrap. Really missed being with ya'll, but, fortunately, Sgt. Kelley was there.

Christmas Eve I saw Bob Hope. I was on duty during the show, but someone relieved me for about half an hour so I could watch some of it. I was in full battle gear when I got to the show. Told the people there that I was working security and got to all the way to the front. I stood right beside my main man, Stormin' Noman Schwartzkopf.

Guess what — I just heard three gun shots — no doo-doo!!! How exciting! Oh, well. Take care.

Love,
Mike

NATIONAL GUARDSMAN, CPL. JESSIE R. "AL" ALLEN, 22, OF LAFAYETTE WAS "ATTACHED" TO THE DELTA 299TH ENGINEER BATTALION FROM FORT SILL, OKLA., IN A NEUTRAL ZONE ON THE IRAQI-SAUDI ARABIAN AND LATER MOVED TO A SITE WEST OF BASRA. A GENERAL STUDIES MAJOR, ALLEN WAS ACTIVATED ON OCT. 2, 1990, AND LEFT FOR SAUDI ARABIA NOV. 27, 1990. HE RETURNED TO THE UNITED STATES APR. 21, 1991. HE WROTE THIS LETTER TO HIS FAMILY ON FEB. 13, 1991.

Hello Family,

I am still at my last location near the Iraqi-Saudi border. The expected ground offensive is indefinitely postponed. As a result, my present location will be my new home for a while. Things have been pretty quiet around here. About a week ago an Iraqi patrol probed the 24th [Infantry Division] line. The fire fight that ensued repulsed the aggressors.

A few days ago, my active duty i. d. card was extended from April 9, 1991 to Aug. 9, 1991. My activation orders still read 179 days, but they can be extended until Oct. 10, 1991, without the prior consent of Congress. If my orders are or are not changed, I will let ya'll know.

I would like to use the newly installed phones, but they are off limits pending the ground assault. Since these phones are not mobile phones, it is doubtful I can make a phone call any time soon.

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NATIONAL GUARDSMAN, SPC. DOUGLAS L. AUTIN, 21, OF LAFAYETTE SERVED WITH THE 114TH MILITARY POLICE CO. FROM VICKSBURG, MISS., IN RIYADH, SAUDI ARABIA. A * MAJOR, AUTIN WAS ACTIVATED ON SEPT. 12, 1990, AND LEFT FOR SAUDI ARABIA NOV. 10, 1990. HE RETURNED TO THE UNITED STATES MAY 19, 1991.

HE WROTE THIS LETTER TO A FRATERNITY BROTHER ON MARCH 12, 1991.

Dear D. P.,

Thanks for writing. And thanks for the candy.

Word has it that we are to be home around April 15, not too much longer. I only hope it's true!

I'm doing fine, especially now that all this is starting to wind down. I can't wait to see you — we're going to have one hell of a time! Sorry it took me so long to write, but I haven't been in a writing mood lately. Hell, I haven't been in any kind of mood except deep depression. But that's all over. Hope to see you soon.

Brother in friendship,
Doug
phi alpha

MARINE RESERVIST, CPL. MAX H. SAVOY, *, OF EUNICE, LA., SERVED IN THE MARINE CORPS' 23RD T.O.W. PLATOON, AN ANTI-TANK UNIT THAT OPERATED IN KUWAIT. A GENERAL STUDIES MAJOR AND A UNIVERSITY POLICEMAN, SAVOY WAS ACTIVATED ON NOV. 13, 1990, AND LEFT FOR KUWAIT DEC. 1, 1990. HE RETURNED TO THE UNITED STATES JULY 3, 1991. HE WROTE THIS LETTER TO HIS OLDER BROTHER ON JAN. 19, 1991.

Hey Bro,

What's happening! I'm having an excellent day being alive. Yeah!

It will most likely be a couple of weeks before we assault. The amphibious task force (us) will probably assault 72 hours after Marcent begins to move. Marcent is the rest of the corps academy in Saudi.

Today I'm thinking about shaving my head bald and growing a war moustache, but I might wait till right before we go in. I'm trying to get in the best frame of mind possible. There is no right frame of mind for war.

Everyone's spirits are up, and we're about as ready as we will ever be. You should've signed up; wish you were here with me. Ha! I'm sure you'd love it. We are anchored off the coast of Oman, and, on this side of the ship, I can see 14 other ships. I'm watching the lovely sea gulls pick and nibble at the sewage the ship just pumped out! This ship is suppose to be some kind of eco-wonder, waste replenishment system, that uses all sorts of enzymes to process our turds and piss. But, if you ask me, what doesn't end up in the chow hall becomes our gift to the ecosystem.

Love ya, your lil bro,
Max



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CHRIS MORGAN



TRENT MYERS

ing in Saudi Arabia, was based near an air field in Dhahran. He said that when the scud missiles began falling "it was weird. I was scared, man."

In all, 14 Phi Kappa Theta members were activated, but only Fabre and Lamar Duhon, a Marine Reservist, were shipped overseas.

During the U.S. invasion of Panama in 1988, Fabre said he and his fellow guardsmen were thinking they might get activated. When they didn't, it seemed as though things would be quiet for a while. "After Panama I didn't think anything this large would come up this soon," he said. Even when the confrontation with Iraq was escalating, Fabre was thinking, "There's no way we'll get activated for this shit." He said that idea was promptly "blown out of the water."

He said that the need for the U.S. to rush to the aid of Kuwait confirmed his belief about the military inferiority of third world nations. "They're just pathetic. They can't compete with technology," he said.

Before the war began, there was much controversy about how long it would last. Voices were raised warning that the Gulf War would turn into another Vietnam and linger on for years.

The conflict was resolved relatively quickly, however — less than two months after Operation Desert Storm was put into action. History will likely record this as a small war, relatively insignificant compared with the other wars of the twentieth century.

But for the students across the nation who were uprooted and sent to the Middle East as soldiers, interrupting their education for a year in most cases, it was no small war. And among their families and peers at home, who watched Patriots intercept Scuds every day on television, the Persian Gulf War will not be forgotten. ☐

USL joined with KLFY-TV 10, Lafayette city and parish governments, the Lafayette Chamber of Commerce and the Vietnam Veterans of Acadiana on April 14 in the Cajundome to welcome home troops who served in Operation Desert Storm.

The crowd was relatively small for the four-hour Desert Storm Troop Rally — only about 4,500 supporters showed up, far short of the projected 13,000.

"We were real upset about the turnout," said Anne Fuselier, chairman of USL's Spirit Committee and representative for the rally.

She added, however, that those who were there were patriotic and showed great support.

"That was great," she said, "that's the type of crowd we wanted." Many state and local dignitaries attended the event, including Gov. Buddy Roemer and Congressman Jimmy Hayes, who both addressed the crowd. Mayor Dudley Lastrapes, Sheriff Don Breaux,

City Council President Al Simon and Parish Council President Walter Comeaux were also present.

Promoters of the event sent free passes to military personnel and their families. Fuselier said that over 4,000 such passes were sent out; without a pass the entrance fee was \$1.00.

Greek groups Phi Kappa Theta and Sigma Nu helped with the ushering and in the refreshment stands. In fact, according to Fuselier, "the majority of the volunteers were USL students."

As it turned out, there were more civilians present than military personnel. Fuselier attributed this to the fact that many soldiers weren't home on a permanent basis yet. For some it was only for a weekend pass, she said, and they chose not to attend the event because "they weren't really home." ☐

Rallying the Troops

BY TRENT MYERS

She walked silently, but briskly down the hall. Laughter filtered from the bedroom where a dim light shone under the closed door. In a wild passion, with tears streaming down her face, she flung open the door and found that her suspicions were true. Her husband was sleeping with her twin sister. Fade to black, then a commercial.

Watching soap operas, once thought of as idle entertainment for

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bored housewives, has now become one of the most popular daytime pastimes among Americans of all ages and of both sexes. And since many college students attend class in the morning and don't work, the soaps factor into many students' lives.

Many students simply don't function normally from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on weekdays because they are glued to a television set. And the poor souls who, God forbid, must attend an afternoon class — or worse yet, go to work — utilize one of technology's handiest inventions: the VCR. Timed and armed to capture every fabricated moment, these VCRs become the beloved link between working America and their treasured "stories."

"My first semesters in school, I was hooked on *One Life to Live* and *General Hospital*. So I would tape them and watch them at night or on the weekends," said soap fan Holly Hayes. "But my classes work out so that I can watch them everyday now."

Soap summaries such as serial magazines, syndicated newspaper columns, and, of course, "Clarence's Update" — a syndicated radio synopsis — manage to keep really busy soap fans abreast of the constantly twisting plots.

And don't believe that it's limited to the female gender. More and

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more, men are take time out of *their* busy schedules to find out who is sleeping with whom this week.

"Whenever I'm not at work, I usually catch a few of the shows. Some of it is pretty cool," said one male soap fan who wished to remain anonymous.

Soaps entice viewers with such racy titles as *The Young and the Restless*, *One Life to Live* and *The Bold and the Beautiful*. Characters' names, relationships, jobs, financial status, physical appearance, and their heart-breaking life-tales are spun neatly together to create the ultimate in generic, fantasy romance.

Americans love romance. They love beauty; they love sex. With daytime soap operas, they get their fill.

Soap operas have been around for 50 years. They began on radio, usually only 15 minutes per episode, and were named after the soap products that sponsored them.

Some of the early shows, like *As the World Turns* and *The Guiding Light*, are still around today, making them among the longest running programs on all of television.

Some call them trash, a waste of time. Some call them the best thing on television. Either way, the soaps are entertainment, and many regard the escapism they afford as a *Guiding Light* through their busy weekday schedules. ☞

The man in the story who requested anonymity watches soaps but doesn't want people to know. How annoying! Just when I thought it was safe to shake that macho thing and be a sensitive, 90s kinda guy. I suppose that's just the way life is, like sands through the hourglass. . . —Editor



DANIEL LINCOLN

PASTIME'S IN THE UNION IS A SITE WHERE MANY STUDENTS GATHER AROUND LUNCH TIME TO THE GET LATEST SCOOP FROM THE RESTAURANT'S WIDE-SCREEN TELEVISION.



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OH, YES. MEN WATCH THE SOAPS, TOO. A GROUP OF SIGMA NUS GATHERED AROUND THE TUBE, WATCHING *DAYS OF OUR LIVES* AT THEIR FRATERNITY HOUSE, PROVE THE POINT.

Long Hot Summer

BY STELLA C. THERIOT

"No more pencils, no more books. No more teachers' dirty looks. School's out for summer!" Those are the immortal words of rock star Alice Cooper. He must have never gone to summer school.

But over 6,500 USL students did attend summer school in 1991. And the '91 session was more challenging than usual.

Summer session was extended this year from a seven-and-a-half-week to a nine-week session. Some students who had attended the shorter session in the past felt that nine weeks was too long.

William Courville, a senior in Criminal Justice, said, "My body knows when the seventh week rolls around." Courville is a summer school veteran, having attended five summer sessions. He said he preferred the traditional seven-week session, but he did not have a problem with burnout. However, Courville noted that his eyes are set on the goal of his impending graduation, which probably explains why the lengthy summer session did not bother him much.

Rowdy Daigle, a junior in Criminal Justice, said this is his third summer in school. He said that he looked forward to the full month off before and after summer school.

"This year I'm dreading the fall semester already," he said. "The three weeks between [the end of the summer session and the beginning of the fall session] is not enough. It's been hard and long."

Shirleen LeBlanc, secretary to the Registrar, said that from 1987 through 1990, summer school was seven and a half weeks. Before that, it was usually nine weeks with the exception of 1986. That year

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summer school was only four and a half weeks due to a budget crunch.

The seven-and-a-half-week session was devised as a compromise to try to continue to save the university money. Because not enough money was saved during those three years to warrant the shorter session, the Executive Council (President Authement and the Vice Presidents) decided to return to the nine-week session. The council also took into consideration the difficulties involved in learning complicated material in compressed courses.

"You can't teach certain things like math, for instance, in such a short period of time," said Wiltz Champagne, registrar and dean of admissions.

The extra week didn't dampen enrollment much. Champagne reported that the preliminary figure for the 1991 summer session was 6,518, quite close to 1990's figure of 6,572. He was quick to point out that the 1991 figure would probably increase because some students still had fees to clear.

The nine-week sessions, according to Champagne, had a negligible impact on registration figures. "A decrease of two to three hundred would be trauma," he added.

Dan Cring, professor of Anthropology, said, "Summer session is very busy, more intensive — and I think the students would agree."

As for the longer session this summer, Cring commented, "Well, if the goal is education, it fits that goal. It depends on the individual's objectives."

In addition to the extra week and a half of school, students armed with umbrellas and raincoats faced excessive seasonal summer rainstorms.

According to Rob Perillo, KLFY-TV 10 meteorologist, approximately twelve inches of rain fell during the months of June and July. Lafayette's normal yearly rainfall is about 58.23 inches. Ninety-three percent, or 54 inches had already fallen by the end of July.

"It could have been worse," Perillo said. "New Orleans had more than 84 inches."

Even though it seemed to rain everyday, Perillo said there were no more than seven consecutive days of rainfall during the two months of summer school. "It actually averaged out to every other day," he said.

The rain added to the heat, or more accurately, the humidity. "It rained too much, and it got very hot afterward," Troy Cooper, a junior in Accounting said.

Kim Abshire, also a junior in Accounting, said, "I think freshmen need to be issued galoshes and a raincoat during orientation." She said that most days the sun would be shining on the way to class so she would not take her umbrella. When class ended, she said, it would usually be pouring. "It got real steamy and hot after the rain stopped," she said.

The rain apparently didn't bother everyone. Courville said, "The bad weather promoted studying by keeping me inside". ☒



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History of a Pool Hall

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Amid the tropical banana tree plants, facing the moss-draped Cypress Lake, which teams with alligators, turtles and carp, there is a bowling alley and a pool hall.

Day after day, students blow off steam by hurling bowling balls down Guillory Hall's eight lanes or knocking pool balls around its 11 pool tables. Night after night, the glass encased building, which also contains foosball and video games, shines out over the lake as students make use of the recreational center.

Sekaran Murugaiah, coordinator of freshmen orientation, has Guillory Hall opened for freshmen every early summer orientation session because "it's a fun place," he said. He said the convenient on-campus location and the economical prices for bowling and pool make Guillory an impressive facility.

In addition to leisure bowling for students and non-students, Guillory is the classroom for what was, throughout the 70s and the early 80s, the largest academic bowling program in the United States. The university offered 22 sections of the class and boasted a waiting list of between 300 and 500 each semester.

But there was a time when, for those who know the building now, Guillory would have been unrecognizable. Before extensive renovations in the early 70s, Guillory led another life.

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The building which is now the USL bowling and billiards hub was built in 1957 as one of three buildings in The Memorial Student Union Complex. The complex was named in memory of USL's (then Southwestern Louisiana Institute) dead in both World Wars. Coronna and Olivier Halls formed the complex with Guillory.

While Coronna was the bookstore and Olivier was an office building housing Greeks and a floor of efficiency apartments, Guillory was the main building of the three, serving as the Memorial Student Center.

Guillory Hall was a cafeteria and a gathering place for men's and women's club social events. The existing lanes took the place of a sunken eating area. The bowling machines occupy the former kitchen space.

According Russell LeJeune, intramurals director and former bowling alley manager, plays and programs were presented in the area where the lobby is now. The walkway over the lake served as a backdrop for the former stage area, which is now the lobby.

The building was named after Judge Isom J. Guillory Sr., a lawyer from Eunice. Guillory was born in Mamou and acquired his education in Eunice schools. Before his law studies at Georgetown University and Loyola, he worked for Congressman L. Lazaro, who represented the seventh district. That may have been when he became a Southwestern supporter.

Guillory was "a staunch supporter and true friend of Southwestern," according to the October 1961 issue of Southwestern Alumni News. It also said that "his keen mind and broad insight into Southwestern's needs have made him cognizant of the demands of the university and of their worth."

With the construction of the new union in 1971, Guillory Hall was remodeled and renovated. It became a bowling alley.

Original plans for Guillory included 10 lanes rather than eight, as are there now. Also a snack bar and locker rooms for both men and women were to be included. Those changes and a few others that concerned expansion to the original building were scrapped because of budget cut: ❏

BOWLING IS RIGHT UP MARIA VONDERHEIDE'S ALLEY. SHE SHARPENS HER BOWLING SKILLS AS HER FRIENDS LOOK ON.



TOM JUBB

GUILLORY HALL'S LOCATION NEXT TO THE SWAMP PROVIDES A SCENIC VIEW TO STUDENTS WHO SIT SNACKING AT ITS WINDOW TABLES.



TRENT MYERS

GUILLORY HALL PROVIDES STUDENTS WITH MORE THAN A PLACE TO HANG OUT. ROSE PREJEAN AND LORONZO MCCLAY ENJOY A GAME OF POOL, WHILE OTHERS BOWL AND PLAY VIDEO GAMES.



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Kevin Robinson and Brian McCann were knee-deep in work. Literally. They were pushing a boat around Cypress Lake and raking plants from its floor. Keeping the lake clean and the life in it healthy is the lake workers' job. They recognize their work as important to the campus because the picturesque lake is a major part of the university's image, appearing on catalog covers and in much of the literature published by the university.

The workers pick up trash, clear cypress silt, and harvest an aquatic grass that is the same variety as that sold in pet shops for use in aquariums. Asked how it got there, the workers said they didn't really know, but it was a mistake in putting it there.

Mike Flaherty, assistant director for Building Services for the Student Union, noted that the aquatic grass is *Cabomba caroliniana*. In an open habitat such as Cypress Lake, the grass can grow to lengths of thirty feet or more. The carp that inhabit the lake cannot eat it fast enough and the overgrowth presents a threat to the life of the lake

The Swamp Story

because it uses up the available oxygen and causes stagnation. As a result, the fish die. To alleviate the problem, lake workers harvest the grass, usually daily, six to eight months out of the year.

Flaherty said that keeping Cypress Lake alive and clean is important because the lake is a drawing card to USL. Many people are attracted by this living wildlife habitat in the middle of campus.

The lake was not always the tourist attraction that it is today,

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though. An article in the March 16, 1990 edition of *The Vermilion*, gave a detailed chronology revealing that the site was originally a buffalo wallowing hole, and later, a pig pen for the university's farm, which was located where the women's dormitories are now.

In the 1920s, it dried up and was known as Cypress Grove. During World War II, it was filled with water to furnish fire-fighting in the case of an air-attack on the university. Then, in 1970, the Student Union was built, at the cost of one third of the lake being filled in.

In the early eighties, the article continued, the lake was drained in order to remove decayed matter from its floor. At this time it was necessary to relocate some of the wildlife. Seventeen alligators, one about eight feet long, and a plethora of turtles and fish were taken — the alligators by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and the turtles and fish by anyone who wanted them.

A new drainage system was installed and the wildlife restocked. The lake has not experienced any major alterations since that time, although the *Cabomba*, as well as litter, require the perpetual maintenance of the swampy environment.

Robinson and McCann said there are a couple of things that bother them about people who frequent the lake.

McCann said, "It's bad enough when people litter, but when people litter in front of us — that's rude!"

Secondly, people ignore signs warning not to feed the alligators. McCann pointed to the familiar green and white sign urging people to feed fish, stash trash, and *not* to feed the alligators.

"People feed the alligators, and then the alligators associate humans with food," he said. "We have to work in the lake! Get it? It's called classical conditioning".

Asked if their swamp cleaning activity was a indication of their school spirit, they said in unison, "No, we do it for the money." ☞



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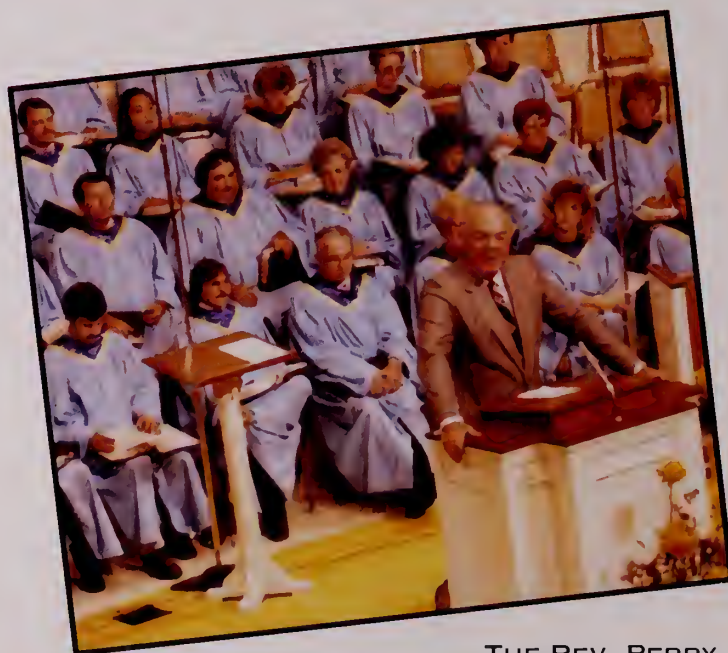
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A Question of Faith



John Weimer

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THE REV. PERRY SANDERS, PASTOR OF
THE LAFAYETTE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH,
PREACHES TO HIS FLOCK DURING A
REGULAR SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE.



Losing My Religion

BY STACY LANDRETH & TRENT MYERS

Many people who were reared to believe in God, and to attend church regularly, lose interest in their spiritual life after they enter college. According to some USL students and a USL psychologist, reasons for this phenomenon include, among other things, exposure to alternative concepts.

Chad Haviland, a sophomore in biology and a Christian, said that secular philosophies, like evolution, which counter Christianity, challenge students' faith. "It makes

people doubt," he said.

He said that his parents had prepared him for dealing with such philosophies by discussing the issues as he was growing up. In addition, his inquisitive nature enabled him to evaluate his

own worldview early in life. "I've always asked a lot of questions," he said.

Direct knowledge of the Bible acts as a guard against competing worldviews, Haviland said. However, some Christian religions do not encourage individual study. "It depends on what



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USL VISUAL ARTS PROFESSOR ROBERT RUSSETT RECEIVES COMMUNION IN THE HOUSE OF GOD.

religion it is. Not every faith stresses knowledge of the Bible itself," he said.

Sophomore Stuart Sims agreed. "Classes like World History expose you to so much. You really get to know about the political background of religion," he said. He added that, as a result, students sometimes get confused about the reality of the things they've been taught.

A further discouragement to spiritual life are the many outlets the college environment provides for students who want to break loose. Whether it be from previous parental restraints or the *do's* and *don't's* of spiritual training, that desire for freedom often overpowers the desire to do what he may believe is right. This compromise can create a chasm between a student's ideals and the reality of daily life. "Being in the world and not of the world" becomes a lofty ideal that many may find impossible.

"It's one of the biggest times of change in your life," Sims said. "Most people don't concern themselves with religion because there are too many other things to worry about."

Young people are bound to experiment. Haviland has friends who have rejected the things they were taught in their youth. Some of them, forced by parents to attend church while they were growing up, never really believed. He said

that, when they got to college, they began to test this new-found freedom. Others, he explained, were living on their own for the first time and

never took the initiative to find a new church, something Haviland sees as conducive to spiritual growth.

"There's a void to fill when you leave home. It's got to be filled with something," he said.

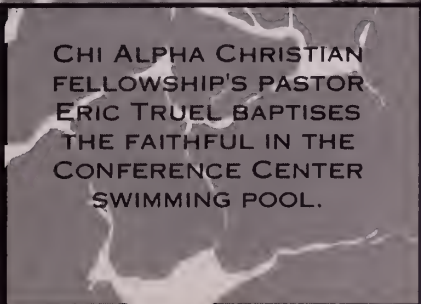
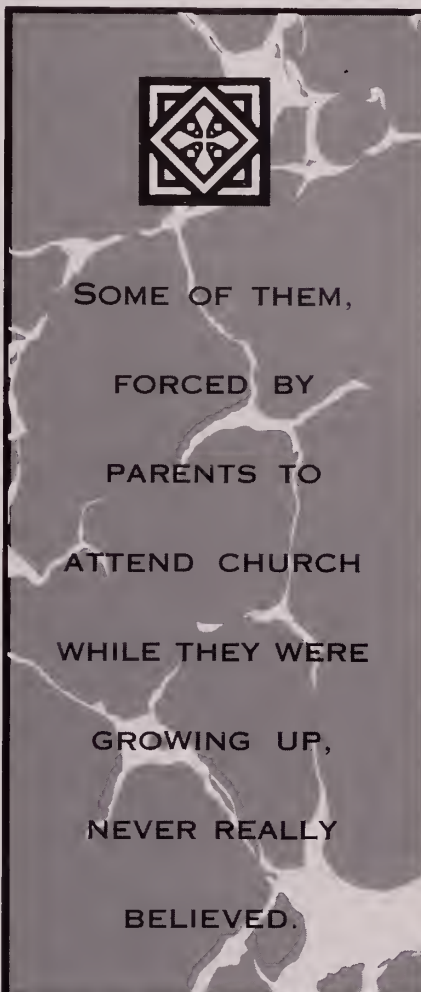
"Everybody has a support group of one form or another. You can go two places; there's two churches. There's a bar, where you can go and get sympathy, and the church, which is there to help you be what you need to be," Haviland said.

Weldon Bares, a Methodist minister who works with college students, agreed.

"Many people fall out of organized religion at this time. Most come back later, but at the college age many question their beliefs. Students ask some tough questions, but don't stick around for the answers," he said.

"You lose the habit," said Sims. "There is no one there to say, 'Get up to go to church' anymore, and many who go away to school just don't ever find a church to go to."

Patrick Bowman, who acted as a substitute psychol-



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Many faiths encourage students to pursue spiritual growth by campus centered study and social organizations. Although the organizations are affiliated with a specific denomination, each invites all denominations to become involved.

compiled by Holli Lynn Guidry

WISDOM CATHOLIC

Wisdom Catholic Church is located on the corner of St. Mary and McKinley Street. The Newman Club, a student organization, and a "clown ministry," in which volunteers dress as clowns and visit hospitals and children's shelters, are among Wisdom's affiliations. The Church also offers Bible studies and opportunities for students to serve in mass as ushers, readers and communion ministers.

CHI ALPHA

Chi Alpha is located at 116 West St. Mary Blvd. across from Burger King. "Café Chi Alpha" is a free lunch with a message offered weekly for all USL students. The organization offers Bible studies and classes in which students learn leadership skills. Students dress up as mimes and present the teachings of the Bible in a creative and dramatic way both on campus and throughout the community. The group is affiliated with Assemblies of God.

WESLEY UNITED CAMPUS MINISTRY

Wesley United Campus Ministry, Methodist and Presbyterian, is located at 238 General Gardner Ave. on the corner of General Gardner and University. All members of the USL community are invited to attend its free "Good News Luncheon." The Wes Club is a student organization which plays an active role in the ministry. A student-led community Bible study and an interesting Serendipity Bible Study Hour are both offered weekly.

BAPTIST STUDENT CENTER


The Baptist Student Center is located at 1226 Johnston Street, across from Girard Hall. The Center offers a "Discipleship Team" in which students are taught by other students to help others by participating in practical ministries on campus. A freshman ministry team is also offered for instruction in Christian life. They also sponsor "Fallfest," a Christian celebration for college students and an "International Student Conference." A "Lunch Encounter" is offered weekly where students can hear challenging and inspirational speakers and receive a free meal.

CAMPUS UPREACH

The main goal of Campus Upreach is to teach people that the Bible has everything a person needs to know about life. Members of the Church of Christ student group study the Bible together weekly in the Student Union. They also spend time together attending retreats, hosting campus blood drives, attending USL sporting events, eating pizza and taking occasional trips to Astroworld.

CHINESE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

The Chinese Christian Fellowship is a Christian organization of primarily International students. The group holds weekly meetings in the First Baptist Church and goes on occasional, weekend camping trips. The group celebrates Chinese Festivals, including the Chinese New Year, by holding banquets for all its members.

Other religious organizations on campus include: Latter-Day Saints Student Association, Love Alive Christian Fellowship, The Lutheran Student Center and the Episcopal Church. 

ogy professor this spring, is also the director of Campus Upreach, a Church of Christ campus ministry.

Bowman said that several factors may cause a student to reject some or all of his religious upbringing.

"A lot of it has to do with it being a borrowed faith or second generation faith," he said. He explained that secular philosophies of the college campus tend to wear down the spiritual faith that an individual may have simply inherited from his parents. He said that the religious beliefs of such a student tend to break down, and he begins to "row with the flow," succumbing to peer pressure and measuring himself by the standards of others.

Courses in philosophy and world religions also tend to wear down superficial religious belief. According to Bowman, if an individual is not sure of what he believes, these alternative worldviews provide a new framework, with

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At least three USL students believe that they have been called by God to serve Him in their vocation.

Todd Marse graduated with a degree in zoology in May. His plans include spending a year in a Catholic religious community, a Salesian residence, in New Orleans. Then he will decide if he wants to take the next step toward priesthood or brotherhood.

"I want to eventually be a minister of the underprivileged youth," said Marse. "It's a lot of work — five to seven years of study after college. I'll need a masters in Theology to do what I want to do. But it will be worth it."

He said that the brothers and priests at Archbishop Shaw High School, where he attended, greatly influenced him to consider the priesthood. "I also attended Catholic summer camps as a counselor and really enjoyed working with the kids there," he said.

Tonja Dardeau, an elementary education major active in Chi Alpha Christian fellowship, plans to become a missionary after graduation.

"I feel that Jesus Christ has given me the desire to teach. My goals are basically open right now; I just want to teach. Possibly in a foreign country," she said.

According to Dardeau, in order to

serve as a missionary, one must be able to spend time alone with God and know what the Bible says as well as his own beliefs.

Brad Gill, an English Education major, is unsure of exactly what kind of religious vocation he is interested in but has explored several possibilities.

"I have thought about becoming a full time missionary, becoming a youth minister, or possibly Baptist Student Union work," Gill said. "I felt God's calling to use my job as well as my life to serve Him," he said.

Gill recently returned from Russia where he was serving as a student missionary. "I try to expose myself to as much as possible," he said.

A bachelor's degree is the minimum requirement to work as a Baptist missionary, according to Gill. Becoming a minister requires a masters at the Baptist Seminary.

All three of these students have already participated extensively in church related activities in order to prepare themselves for the future. But they say the preparation doesn't stop. According to Gill, "It's a life long process." ■

Divine Callings

BY STACY LANDRETH

MAY GRADUATE TODD MARSE WILL SPEND A YEAR IN NEW ORLEANS DECIDING WHETHER OR NOT TO BECOME A PRIEST.



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CHI ALPHA'S TONJA DARDEAU, AN EDUCATION MAJOR, PLANS TO BECOME A MISSIONARY AFTER SHE GRADUATES.

ENGLISH MAJOR BRAD GILL HAS CONSIDERED BECOMING A FULL-TIME MISSIONARY OR A BAPTIST YOUTH MINISTER.



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which he starts to reevaluate the things he has been taught about God, himself, and good and evil.

The search for personal identity also effects how a student adjusts his worldview after entering the world of academia. Academic pursuits and the desire to make good grades and keep up with fellow students may take priority in the student's life.

"The fact that they are so busy squeezes out the spiritual aspect," he said.

Bares mentioned the recent televangelist controversies such as the Jim Bakker scandal and the Jimmy Swaggart trial. He said that these types of misuses of power create cynicism in everyone, especially in those who are already

questioning their beliefs.

He explained that students expand their intellectual independence during their college years and, although Christianity provides the answers to many of life's questions, many are too impatient to really seek them.



Sims and Bares agreed that the rejection of religion becomes the tool that many students use to rebel against their parents.

"People just get tired of it being forced down by authority," Sims said. "When you are little you just accept everything blindly. But now you know that you have to ask some questions." ■

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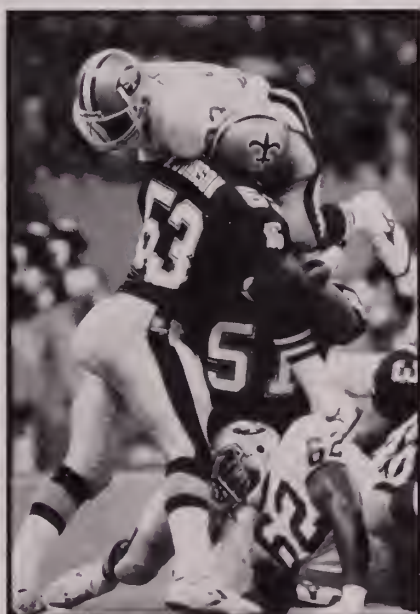
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WAR ENDS JOYOUSLY FOR AMERICANS, TRAGICALLY FOR HUSSEIN'S PEOPLE

ON THE EVENING of Jan. 16, 1991, Americans watched as news footage unfolded about the U.S. nighttime air attack on Baghdad. Desert Shield had become Desert Storm.

The United States, along with allies from 30 other nations, fought a brief but decisive attack on Saddam Hussein's forces.

After several futile attempts to verbally settle the matter of Hussein's troops taking over Kuwait, President George Bush declared war on Iraq.

The Gulf War lasted only 43 days, and the actual ground fighting only 100 hours, according to *U.S. News and World Report*.

Overall, 389 U.S. men and women died during the confrontation, and 357 were wounded, according to *Time*.

The two top heroes of the Gulf War were Gen. Norman H. Schwarzkopf, commander of Operation Desert Storm forces, and the Patriot missile, a defensive weapon that performed beautifully

its task of heading off Iraqi Scud missiles.

Schwarzkopf led the forces to a stunning success, ending Iraq's seven-month occupation of Kuwait.

When the allied troops descended on over a half million entrenched Iraqi soldiers, thou-

sands of them surrendered. Many were hungry and weary from the heat. Others told stories of having been forced into battle.

Hussein did not take the defeat lightly. His wrath centered on his own people, specifically, the Kurds and Shiites. He bombed their settlements, causing mass destruction and suffering.

Kuwaiti oil fields were also targeted by Hussein. Scores of oil wells were set afire in the Iraqis' retreat from Kuwait. The total came to about 730 wells damaged or set ablaze.

On the American front, the support for Desert Storm was high. Yellow ribbons appeared everywhere, t-shirts were

printed to commemorate the war, and letter-writing campaigns to soldiers were initiated.

As troops began coming home in early March, extravagant welcome home celebrations recalled the end of World War II.

—Stella C. Theriot



DESERT STORM COMMANDER GENERAL NORMAN SCHWARZKOPF GIVES A JUBILANT THUMBS UP TO FANS AT A NEW YORK PARADE (PHOTO: AP). TOP INSET: KURDISH REFUGEES FLEE SADDAM HUSSEIN (PHOTO: AP). BOTTOM INSET: WORKMEN BATTLE KUWAIT OIL WELL FIRES (PHOTO: RM).

BIOSPHERE PROJECT HOPES TO DUPLICATE LIFE ON OTHER PLANETS



SKEPTICISM SURROUNDED THE BIOSPHERE 2 PROJECT (PHOTO: AP).

A SEALED STRUCTURE of steel and glass will be "home" for two years for four men and four women. The structure, called Biosphere 2, is about the size of 2 1/2 football fields and contains all necessities of life. For two years, nothing will be introduced from the outside. In addition to eight humans, Biosphere 2 houses 3,800 species of animals and plants and five ecosystems.

This \$100 million project has taken seven years to put together and hopes to be the model for other self-sufficient environments.

Planets other than earth may one day be the base for similar structures.

Much skepticism has been expressed by the scientific community, however. Many scientists seem to feel this experiment is a ridiculous sham, designed to draw spectators who will spend around \$10 just to view the sphere and spend even more in the gift shop.

Both participants and backers of the Biosphere maintain that the project will provide significant data.

—Associated Press

NEW LOTTERY RAISES HOPES AND BIG BUCKS

BAYOU GAMBLING fever made a comeback, and thousands caught it.

In the fall, voters overwhelmingly approved legalized gambling in Louisiana when they voted "yes" to a proposal for the creation of a state Lottery. The first \$1 tickets were introduced in the fall and were an astounding success. The Lottery Corp. took in \$4.5 million on the first day of sales.

Match-three, scratch-card lottery games offered players a chance to win up to \$250,000. But the introduction of the big-money game — the "Lotto," which was to feature a first jackpot of \$2 million — was to be held off until 1992.

Officials said that proceeds from the game would go toward improving Louisiana's educational system, among other state problems.

—Stacy Landreth

A TOUCHING TREND TAKES HOLD

IN AN ERA WHEN SEX has become a health risk, many top celebrities this year brought the safest sex of all into the public spotlight. And masturbation has never been so popular.

Actor Paul Reubens (a.k.a. Pee Wee Herman) was left holding the . . . er, . . . bag in a Florida X-rated movie house. The beloved T.V. and film star was arrested outside the theater and charged with "indecent exposure" after police allegedly saw him pleasuring himself during a movie. When the episode was exposed nationally, the tide of support flowed in Pee Wee's direction.

Other stars who went solo in '91 include pop goddess Madonna and her buddy Michael Jackson. Madonna's rockumentary, *Truth or Dare*, featured a performance of "Like a Virgin," in which the singer masturbates on a bed flanked by men wearing cone-shaped bras. And Jackson ended by putting the final minutes of his lengthy "Black or White" video because 13 times he fondled himself in those minutes disturbed some fans. The tactile trend was set to music by pop group, the Divinyls. Their biggest hit of the year was a memorable ditty called "I Touch Myself."

—Jeff Gremillion



PEE-WEE HERMAN AND OTHERS WERE HOOKED ON A FEELING (ART: CAMPUS PRESS SERVICES).

FIRE ATTACKS CALIFORNIA BRUSH

THE BRUSH FIRE that killed 19 people in Oakland, Calif., was the costliest blaze in U.S. history — the damage was put at more than \$5 billion. This surpasses the Great Chicago Fire of 1871.

Pushed by 25 mph winds across brush that had been dried by five years of drought, the October 1991 blaze destroyed more than 1,800 houses and 900 apartments, city officials said.

At least 19 people were killed, 148 injured and 5,000 evacuated, according to sheriff's Sgt. Robert Jarrett.

President Bush declared the fire site a major disaster area, opening the door to federal aid for the rebuilding.

The wooded area, with its post-



CALIFORNIA'S BURNING DISASTER WAS WORSE THAN THE GREAT CHICAGO FIRE OF 1871 (PHOTO: AP).

card views of San Francisco Bay, was a disaster waiting to happen because of the drought, officials said. Many of the area's once-elegant homes were reduced to rubble, their chimneys looming like giant tombstones.

Forestry Department spokeswoman Karen Terrill said, "The very thing that makes the wildlands attractive and romantic, like the trees, is what makes the wildlands deadly."

—Associated Press

CHEERLEADER TRIAL: GIVE ME A H, GIVE ME AN I, GIVE ME A T

A HOUSTON JURY sentenced a woman to 15 years in prison for hiring a hit man to rub out the mother of her daughter's rival for a spot on the local high school cheerleading squad.

With calculated, cold-blooded logic, Wanda Webb Holloway, 37, concluded that Amber Heath would be too upset over her mother's death to compete for the coveted position against her own daughter, Shanna.

According to an article in *Newsweek*, Holloway approached her former brother-in-law, Terry Harper, and gave him a pair of diamond earrings to use as a down payment for hiring a murderer.

Harper called the police. He also recorded a conversation between himself and Holloway in which she told him to "go for it."

The jury took only three hours to find Holloway guilty of attempted murder. —Stacy Landreth

FIVE PRESIDENTS MEET TO OPEN LIBRARY

RONALD REAGAN THREW open the doors of his presidential library on Nov. 5, 1991, and invited the public to judge his turn in the White House.

A military band played "Hail to the Chief" and the crowd of 4,200 invited guests cheered as President Bush and former Presidents Carter, Nixon and Ford joined Reagan in the first gathering ever of five past or current presidents.

Each president took a turn at the microphone, praising Reagan and reflecting on their own presidential challenges.

The Spanish-style structure is nestled on 100 acres about 50 miles from Los Angeles. At



PRESIDENTS CONVERGE TO OPEN REAGAN'S LIBRARY (PHOTO: AP).

153,000 square feet, it is the largest presidential library and includes 55 million documents from Reagan's presidency, available for public inspection.

The national archives will operate the library at an estimated \$1.5 million annual cost to taxpayers.

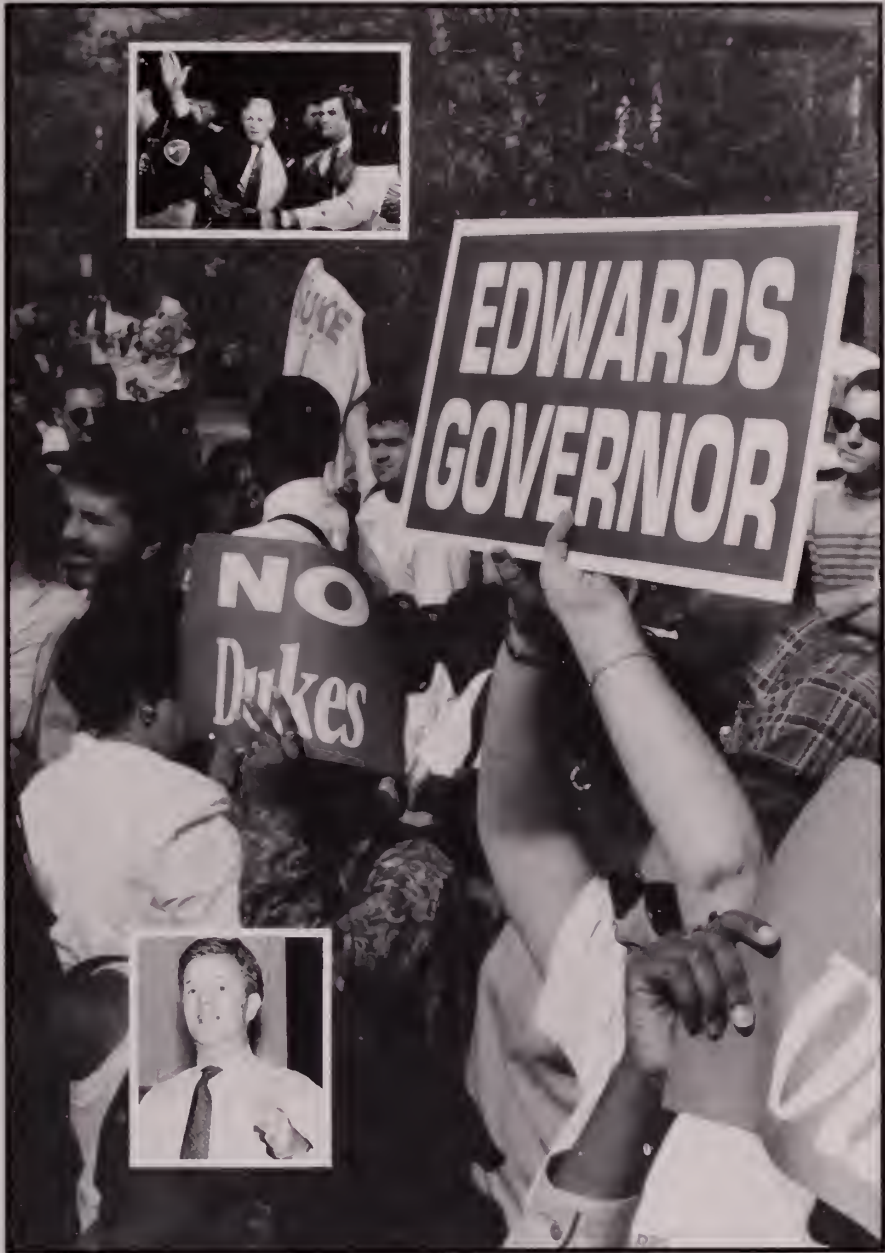
"The doors of this library are open now and all are welcome," Reagan said. "The judgment of history is left to you, the people."

—Associated Press

LOUISIANA GETS NATIONAL ATTENTION FOR HOT GOVERNOR'S RACE

THE GOVERNOR'S race this year came down to a controversial showdown between former Gov. Edwin Edwards and nationally infamous state Rep. David Duke. By the time the primary began on Oct. 19, most analysts considered the campaign a three-man race between incumbent Gov. Buddy Roemer, Edwards and Duke. Roemer, the Democrat-turned-Republican, had the backing of President George Bush. But the state Republican party was supporting ill-fated candidate Clyde Holloway. Edwards, the flamboyant three-time governor of the past who had given up his bid for the mansion to Roemer four years earlier, asked voters to elect him to an unprecedented fourth term.

Duke, a former Nazi sympathizer and KKK Grand Wizard, gained grass-root support as the self-proclaimed champion of Louisiana's economically ravaged middle class. His candidacy drew national media attention throughout the campaign. Other contenders included U.S. Rep. Clyde Holloway, state Rep. Ken Bagert, Public Service Commissioner Kathleen Blanco, Franklin Mayor Sam Jones and



AT AN ANTI-DUKE RALLY IN USL'S QUAD, EDWIN EDWARDS SUPPORTERS CLASH WITH THOSE OF DUKE (PHOTO: DANIEL LINCOLN). TOP INSET: EDWARDS WINS THE STATE'S HIGHEST OFFICE A FOURTH TIME (PHOTO: TERRI H. FENSEL). BOTTOM INSET: INCUMBENT GOV. BUDDY ROEMER IS OUSTED (PHOTO: TRENT MYERS).

Fred Dent, former commissioner for the Office of Financial Services. Bagert and Blanco, a local favorite and the wife of USL Vice President Raymond Blanco, dropped out before the polls opened. On Oct. 19, many Louisianians were shocked when Edwards and Duke squeezed out Roemer, but

neither one captured the necessary 51 percent of the vote. With the ballot trimmed to two, Louisiana voters awaited a second trip to the polls for a runoff vote on Nov. 5.

The state and the nation eagerly watched the ensuing battle for the state's top seat. A feature on *60 Minutes* rehashed Edward's past gambling troubles and womanizing. Duke's damning past was pounded into voters' heads by local and national media. Both of the candidates relished the spotlight and attempted to use it to their advantage.

In televised debates the two candidates faced off. Edwards appealed to voters to give him one last chance to better Louisiana, offering hopes of financial recovery.

Duke reminded voters that he had changed and talked of curing the ills of the welfare system.

When the votes were tabulated, it was Edwards, with 61 percent of the vote, who emerged as Louisiana's governor-elect.

By year's end, Duke had announced his candidacy in the 1992 presidential election, and Roemer had moved to Boston to teach at Harvard, his alma mater.

—Stella C. Theriot

SOVIET COUP LEADS TO FREEDOM (SPEAKING OF SHOCKS TO THE SYSTEM)

ON MONDAY, August 19, an eight-man committee led by Vice President Gennady Yanayev seized control of the Soviet Union and imprisoned President Mikhail Gorbachev.

The president and his family were placed under house arrest in the Crimea.

The first to condemn the coup attempt was not the United States, but Gorbachev's political rival, Russian President Boris Yeltsin. As tanks and militia poured into Moscow to reinforce the coup, Yeltsin called on the Russian people to resist. And resist they did.

Thousands formed a human wall of protection around Yeltsin's headquarters as he demanded the return of Gorbachev.

The following day, the United States and the European Community officially refused to recognize the militaristic, contrived government and also demanded

the return of Gorbachev. That same day, three of the eight committee members stepped down,

foreshadowing the inevitable demise of the two-day-old junta.

On Wednesday, the communist

party fell in line, condemning the coup. Remaining leaders of the hostile takeover fled Moscow.

Gorbachev returned to power before dawn on Thursday.

The coup attempt marked the beginning of the end of communist rule in the Soviet Union, spurring a series of events that permanently altered its political landscape. Three Baltic states with a combined population of seven million — Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia — soon declared independence from their host country.

With people crying for governmental independence along ethnic lines and pre-coup economic straits tightening, Gorbachev resigned his presidency on Christmas day.

The break of the Union quickened.

At year's end, 12 countries made up the newly named

Commonwealth of Independent States. Yeltsin was at the new nation's helm. —Michael Cuccia



THOUSANDS GATHER IN RED SQUARE TO CELEBRATE A COUP GONE HAYWIRE (PHOTO: RM). TOP INSET: A SOVIET ANTI-COUP TANK DRIVER SITS IN HIS VEHICLE, WHICH IS CURIOUSLY ADORNED WITH ROSES (PHOTO: RM). BOTTOM INSET: PRESIDENT MICKHAEL GORBACHEV RETURNS FROM ARREST (PHOTO: AP).



GIVING OFF BAD VIBRATIONS

"THE NEW ENGLAND Journal of Medicine" reported that a woman had epileptic seizures each time she heard the voice of *Entertainment Tonight's* co-host Mary Hart.

Hart is no stranger to odd news stories. In addition to reporting them nightly, she's often their subject. (She made national news once, for example, when she had her shapely legs insured for a million dollars each.) For her most recent episode in the realm of the strange and the borderline ridiculous, Hart was awarded a "Dubious Achievement" award by the editors of *Esquire* magazine.

The ever-cynical monthly listed the celebrity's honor under a heading that read, "A Small Price To Pay for Daily Updates on Michael Landon's Ongoing Death."

—Jeff Gremillion

THE 1991 HIGHWAY TO HEAVEN



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SHAKESPEAREAN PRODUCER • GENE RODENBURY, *STAR TREK* CREATOR • JERRY KOSINSKI, NOVELIST • EMILY McLAUGHLIN, ACTRESS • COLLEEN DEWHURST, ACTRESS • THEODOR GEISEL (A.K.A. DR. SUESS), AUTHOR OF *THE CAT IN THE HAT* AND OTHER FAVORITES • GENE TIERNEY, ACTRESS • DAME PEGGY ASHCROFT, ACTRESS • FRED MACMURRAY, ACTOR, STAR OF *MY THREE SONS* AND DISNEY FILMS • NANCY KULP, ACTRESS, MISS HATHAWAY ON *THE BEVERLY HILLBILLIES* • RALPH BELLAMY, ACTOR • DAVID RUFFIN, SINGER • LEE ATWATER, POLITICIAN, MUSICIAN • YVES MONTAND, ACTOR, SINGER • AUTHUR MURRAY, DANCE TEACHER • SIR DAVID LEAN, FILM DIRECTOR • DOTTIE WEST, SINGER • REDD FOX, COMEDIAN, ACTOR, STAR OF *SANFORD AND SON* • GRAHAM GREENE, WRITER • JAMES FRANCISCUS, ACTOR • DAME MARGOT FONTEYN, DANCER • ERIC CARR, DRUMMER FOR KISS • JEAN ARTHUR, ACTRESS • MARTHA GRAHAM, DANCER • ISAAC BASHEVIS SINGER, WRITER • EDWIN LAND, INVENTOR OF POLAROID PHOTOGRAPHY • RED GRANGE, FOOTBALL HERO • ROBERT MOTHERWELL, PAINTER • BRAD DAVIS, ACTOR • JOHN TOWER, POLITICIAN • FREDDY MERCURY, LEAD SINGER OF QUEEN

MISS AMERICA BATTERED

ON SEPT. 14, Carolyn Suzanne Sapp of Honolulu, Hawaii, shed tears of joy as she was crowned Miss America. Within days, however, her experience of physical abuse became public knowledge.

In 1990, Sapp sought a restraining order against her then-boyfriend, professional football player Nu'u Faaola, for alleged physical violence.

Both Sapp and Faaola were

disappointed that their previous problems had been publicized. Sapp said, "That incident... was personal then, and it remains personal now."

Sapp put the trauma behind her and went forward with strength and courage to win the Miss America crown. And she selected the issue of parental responsibility as the social issue she will focus on during her reign. —Associated Press



HONOLULU'S CAROLYN SUZANNE SAPP WAS ANGRY WHEN HER HISTORY AS A VICTIM OF ABUSE

YUGOSLAVIA: THOUSANDS DIE IN CIVIL WAR

BOTH CROATIA AND Slovenia proclaimed independence on June 25, and within 24 hours, military tanks were rolling toward border crossings and airports, attempting to secure the country. The trade of artillery fire began.

Strong ethnic and political divisions have existed in the country for centuries, but the peaceful co-existence that has been maintained in the region for decades has splintered.

Serbia's Communist-turned-Socialist president, Slobodan



THE DEATH TOLL HAS GROWN TO OVER 5,000 IN

Miloevic, wants Yugoslavia to survive as a federation even if Silvenia and Croatia secede. But he says the Serb minority in Croatia must remain part of the federation. He is accused by Croatia of covertly backing Serbian militants in the neighboring republic who are fighting for territory.

The Croatians claim the federal army is siding with insurgents, a charge the army denies.

More than 5,000 people have been killed since civil war began in Yugoslavia, and the count is still rising. —Associated Press

CIA NOMINEE FACES CRITICISM

WHEN PRESIDENT George Bush nominated Robert Gates as director of the CIA, criticism flared.

In 1987, the Reagan administration had rejected Gates as a nominee for that same position because of his affiliation with the Iran-Contra affair, according to *Newsweek*. At that time he was deputy to CIA Chief William Casey who was thought by some to have had a hand in the scandal. Gates spent the next few years redeeming his reputation in order to win another shot at the position.

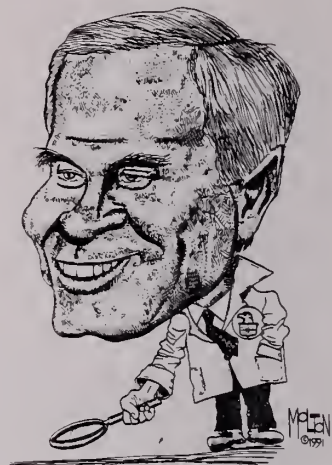
After three weeks of confirmation hearings before the Senate Intelligence Committee in the fall, *Newsweek* commented that Gates had a "likely chance of becoming the next director of U.S. central intelligence."

Critics of Bush's nomination claimed that Gates had squandered information about the Iran-Contra affair. They said that Gates had "committed the cardinal sin for a career intelligence man — suppressing or slanting the secret

analysis and subverting the agency's intellectual integrity."

Gates rebutted all charges during a formal hearing. The year ended before the vote was in on Gates, but Bush had supported him throughout the controversy.

—Jennifer Juneau



QUESTIONS AROSE OVER ROBERT GATES PART IN THE IRAN-CONTRA AFFAIR (ART: CAMPUS PRESS SERVICE).

HORMONES BLAMED IN MURDER

PAMELA SMART, a school teacher in Derry, N.H., taught more than reading, writing and arithmetic this year.

According to *Time*, the 23-year-old high school instructor with "big brown eyes, Gainsborough ringlets and a taste for heavy-metal music" initiated her student William Flynn, 15, into the world of sexual encounter after the two of them watched a videotape of the film *9 1/2 Weeks*.

But that was far from the end of the lurid tale. She persuaded

Flynn and two of his friends to kill her husband. After having being reported missing, the man was found dead with a gunshot wound to his head.

Prosecutor Paul Maggiotto provided a vivid scenario of the spell that Smart cast upon Flynn. "Smart got her hooks so deep into the hormones" of Flynn that he could not resist her influence.

Judge Douglas Gray sentenced Smart to life in prison without parole for conspiring in the murder. —Jennifer Juneau

BLOODY MAYHEM MAKES DAHMER A TERRIFYING HOUSEHOLD NAME

IN AUGUST, Tracy Edwards, 32, of Milwaukee, fleeing for his life, alerted two officers in a patrol car about a man who was trying to kill him. When the officers investigated his story, what they discovered in Oxford Apartments, number 4, was sheer horror. Inside the refrigerator of the stench-lagued apartment, officers found a human head. According to the Aug. 2 issue of *People Weekly*, further investigation revealed three more heads in a pit-top freezer, five stowed in a box and lying cabinet and two washed on a closet shelf. The tenant of this human slaughterhouse — Jeffrey Dahmer, 31. Police said Dahmer was pale, soft-spoken, his breath reeking of beer."

According to the August 5 issue of *Newsweek*, Dahmer confessed to killing seven men. He said that

he picked up his victims in gay bars and shopping malls. After bringing them into his apartment and persuading them to be photographed, he often drugged them, strangled them and "dismembered the bodies, often boiling the heads

to remove flesh so he could retain skulls," the article read.

Although Dahmer appeared to be mild-mannered, an ordinary man who worked in a chocolate factory, he had a hidden dark side. *People* described him as "an alcoholic, a

homosexual who despised gays and a convicted child molester."

Dahmer confessed that he made his first kill when he was a senior in high school. That was in 1978. In 1986, he was arrested for "lewd and lascivious behavior." He had urinated in front of children. By that time, according to Dahmer, he had already killed three men in his grandmother's house, where he was living at the time.

In 1988, Dahmer was again arrested, this time for fondling a 13-year-old Laotian boy and offering him money to pose for nude photos. He was released 10 months later.

The grisly killings did not end until one of Dahmer's victims escaped and told police. According to the *New York Times*, on July 24, Dahmer confessed to killing the 11 people found in his apartment. His bail was set at \$1 million.

Two days later, he was formally charged with four counts of first degree intentional homicide. The homicide counts demand mandatory life sentencing. —Jennifer Juneau



NEIGHBORS HAD NO IDEA THE FOUL SMELL COMING FROM JEFFREY DAHMER'S APARTMENT WAS THE STENCH OF ROTTING HUMAN FLESH (PHOTO: AP) INSET: TRACY EDWARDS, FLEEING FOR HIS LIFE, ALERTED POLICE THAT THERE WAS SOMETHING CURIOUS GOING ON IN MILWAUKEE (PHOTO: AP).

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SEX, LIES AND LIVE COVERAGE FIGURE INTO HIGH COURT CONFIRMATION

THE EYES OF the nation were riveted to television coverage of Clarence Thomas' October Supreme Court confirmation hearings — coverage made even more dramatic by a woman's allegations of sexual misconduct as the Senate vote drew close. It was "one of the best shows since Watergate," according to *Life* magazine.

Justice Thurgood Marshall's ailing health led him to retire in June. He had hoped to retire under a Democratic president who would replace him with someone who would carry on his left-wing legacy, but it was not to be.

The nominee Thomas grew up in Pinpoint, Georgia. Early in his political life, he was a Democrat, but he later switched parties and became a controversial symbol of black conservatism.

Prior to his nomination to the Supreme Court, Thomas was assistant attorney general in Missouri. He was also a judge of the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia. He served as a legislative assistant to U.S. Sen. John Danforth (R-Mo.) and, for seven years, was chairman of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

Thomas's nomination brought



PRESIDENT BUSH NOMINATED CLARENCE THOMAS TO REPLACE DISTINGUISHED JURIST THURGOOD MARSHALL (PHOTO: AP). INSET: ANITA HILL'S SEXUAL HARASSMENT CLAIMS ADDED INSULT TO INJURY IN THOMAS'S CONFIRMATION HEARINGS (PHOTO: RM).

criticism from those who thought he would not adhere to Marshall's views, and therefore move the court further to the right. His conservatism sparked some to question how he would rule on certain issues such as abortion or race-conscious policies.

According to *The Vermilion*, abortion groups opposed Thomas because of a speech he made in 1987 at the Heritage Foundation. In it, he praised an article by Lewis Lehrman referring to the "inalienable right" to life of the unborn.

The newspaper also reported that blacks and other minorities questioned his nomination because of his opposition to many race-related policies.

News coverage of the hearings intensified when Prof. Anita Hill came forward to accuse Thomas of sexual harassment, which the judge passionately denied.

The issue of such harassment became the topic of the day, and the nation divided on the question, "who's lying?" Questions concerning the excesses of the confirmation process also surfaced with many condemning the Senate for dragging both Thomas and Hill through the proverbial mud. *Life* reported that Marshall himself was "disgusted" by Thomas's

ordeal.

In the end, the confirmation hearings had done little to prove or disprove Hill's threatening allegations. Thomas was confirmed, and on Oct. 18, he was sworn in as the 106th Supreme Court justice.

—Stella C. Theriot

ABORTION DRAMA CONTINUES

"OVERRIDE! OVERRIDE!" the crowd of pro-lifers chanted outside the Louisiana State Capitol building on June 14 in response to Gov. Buddy Roemer's decision to veto one of the toughest abortion bills in the nation.

Legislators heard the cry and on June 18, voted to override the veto, turning the bill into law.

Though not put into effect immediately because of questions of its constitutionality, the law provided for up to 10 years in prison and a \$100,000 fine for any doctor who performs an illegal abortion. The woman undergoing the procedure would not be prosecuted.

The only lawful circumstances for abortion, as described by the law, are when the mother's life is threatened because of the pregnancy or when the woman was a victim of incest or rape.

According to *Time's* account of the law's provisions, in the case of rape or incest, the act must be reported to police within a week.

In addition, a woman must be less than 14 weeks pregnant in order to abort.

—Stella C. Theriot

SCANDAL STUNS LAFAYETTE

"YOU MIGHT THINK it's funny, but I don't want to laugh, 'cause Rachel got my money, and I got the shaft."

So sang the local band, "Nick Lick and the Hickeys," after allegations abounded that Lafayette insurance agent Rachel Harmon had taken money from clients and run off with it.

Harmon's agency specialized in affordable insurance policies. Yet some of her client's policies were canceled because payments were never sent into the company. Some policies were never even enacted, which clients didn't discover until they met with an accident.

Harmon, who had kept regular office hours at her agency, excused herself for a day to go to the dentist. She didn't come back. Later police found her near Atlanta.

Police investigators seized her insurance agency files on March 21, and proceeded to take complaints from area residents. The case quickly mushroomed into the biggest insurance fiasco in the city's history, according to a spokesman for the Lafayette Police



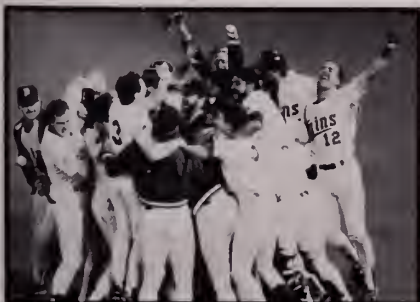
RACHEL HARMON WAS ACCUSED OF TAKING HER CLIENTS MONEY (PHOTO: THE DAILY ADVERTISER).

Department. Eventually a temporary desk and extra help was needed at the police department to process all the complaints.

Harmon was arrested, charged and indicted. When 1991 drew to a close, she was out on bond. Her trial — with venue changed because a local judge agreed with the Harmon defense that too much local negative publicity made a fair trial in Lafayette unlikely — had been set to proceed in East Baton Rouge parish.

—Stacy Landreth

SUPER SERIES



TWINS WIN A CLOSE ONE (PHOTO: AP).

AFTER ALL THE TWISTS, turns and tension, the closest World Series ended in the closest of games.

The Minnesota Twins and Jack Morris squeezed past the Atlanta Braves 1-0 on pinch-hitter Gene Larkin's single in the bottom of the 10th inning on Oct. 27, 1991, to win Game Seven and end baseball's most dramatic odyssey.

Never before had three Series games gone into extra innings, and the Braves and twins saved the best for last, matching zero for zero, pressure pitch for pitch, even turning back bases loaded threats in the same inning.

"Someone had to go home a loser, but there's no loser in my mind," Morris said. "Those are two of the greatest teams. I just didn't want to quit. Somehow, we found a way to win this thing." —Associated Press

DAY FOR NIGHT



1991 SAW A RARE SOLAR ECLIPSE (PHOTO: AP).

ON JULY 11, the moon slipped over the sun in the celestial ceremony of the eclipse, turning day into night for thousands of viewers and scientists.

About 500 astronomers and tens of thousands of tourists came to see the moon line up between the sun and Earth and plunge into darkness a 160-mile-wide swath stretching from Hawaii to Mexico's Baja Peninsula, central and southern Mexico, Central America, Colombia and Brazil.

One after another, spectators around the mountaintop astronomy observatory in Hawaii exclaimed, "Oh, my God!" as the sky went dark. This was the first time an eclipse path of totality passed over a major observatory, scientists said.

One objective of the scientists was to learn more about why the sun's corona is about 3 million degrees Fahrenheit, while the sun's surface is only 10,000 degrees. Other experiments involved taking photos through the sun's atmosphere and watching the effect on Earth's atmosphere by swift passage of the moon's shadow.

—Associated Press

ONCE AGAIN, SWAGGERT SWINGS LOW

WHEN POLICE in Indio, Calif. stopped a 56-year-old man for a traffic violation in October, the nation was once again stymied by the sins of televangelist Jimmy Swaggart. Riding shotgun was a prostitute.

The woman was identified as Rosemary Garcia, an "admitted streetwalker," according to *Time*.

There were no tears shed this time. Instead, Swaggart resigned from his Baton Rouge ministry. The next day he recanted his resignation and boldly declared to his congregation a divine disclaimer. "The Lord told me it's flat none of your business," he said.

Swaggart's ministry was already losing money because of his esca-

pade three years ago. In an effort to discredit Swaggart, rival preacher Marvin Gorman had circulated photos of Swaggart visiting a prostitute in New Orleans. After the ensuing scandal, Swaggart resigned from the Assemblies of God denomination. Nearly 200 television stations dropped his weekly program, according to *Time*.

A month before the most recent revelation of Swaggart's extrapastoral activities, a jury in New Orleans found Swaggart guilty of defaming Gorman with false allegations of adulterous behavior. Swaggart was ordered to pay \$10 million in damages.

—Jennifer Juneau

SEVEN DISCUSS SOVIET AID

LEADERS OF THE world's seven largest industrial democracies began arriving in London on July 14, 1991, for the July 15-17 economic summit focusing on aid for the Soviet Union.

Mikhail Gorbachev made a two-hour presentation to the leaders of the United States, Britain, Canada, France, Germany, Italy and Japan that closely followed the 23-page letter he had sent to each of them the week before.

By the close of the summit, the Group of Seven had offered

Gorbachev technical assistance and a special association with the International Monetary Fund, but not the enormous economic aid he had sought.

Although financial aid was not forthcoming, Ljubo Sirc, director of the Center for Research into Communist Economies, said, "the very fact that this meeting has taken place has improved the chances for the Soviet Union to attract investment."

"It always makes a difference when the powers that be in Western countries become interested in the fate of a country with which trade is possible." —Associated Press



INTERNATIONAL LEADERS SEEK SOUGHT WAYS TO HELP THE SOVIETS (PHOTO: AP).

A CRY OF RAPE PUTS AMERICA'S MOST FAMOUS FAMILY ON TRIAL

"HAVE THE Kennedys done it again?" some people asked, after S. Sen. Edward Kennedy's nephew, William Kennedy Smith, a medical school graduate at Georgetown University, was charged with rape in Palm Beach, Fla. Though "Willie" Smith, as he is called by family and friends, was found not guilty of the rape charges, the nationally televised trial ignited controversy about date rape, an alleged victim's right to privacy and that of an alleged rapist — no matter what family he belongs to. And, in the end, it led some to question whether Smith escaped justice because of his privileged middle name. Smith's trouble began when he and his Uncle Ed and cousin Patrick Kennedy traveled to the family's palatial estate in West Palm Beach for a Good Friday break. The evening's bar hopping led them to the 40 Bar, a trendy nightclub on the



IN A TRIAL IN WHICH HE STOOD ACCUSED OF RAPE, WILLIAM KENNEDY SMITH STRONGLY MAINTAINED HIS INNOCENCE. IN THE END, THE COURT BELIEVED HIM (PHOTO: AP).

Following a wild media circus, the trial began. The alleged victim took the stand and emotionally told the court she came forward to stop Kennedy from raping again. Smith contrasted his accuser with calm, collected confidence, often addressing the jury and assuring the prosecutor, "All I can tell is the truth."

A point of controversy arose when Judge Mary Lupo barred testimony from three other women who said that Smith sexually assaulted them too.

Although he emerged from the trial not guilty, he's acquired celebrity status. As *People Weekly* reported, he can no longer remain out of the public's attention as an obscure Kennedy cousin. And he's destined

to become a chapter in the Legend of the Kennedy Men, in which too many women and too much trouble shroud the facts in murky, titillating intrigue. —Stacy Landreth

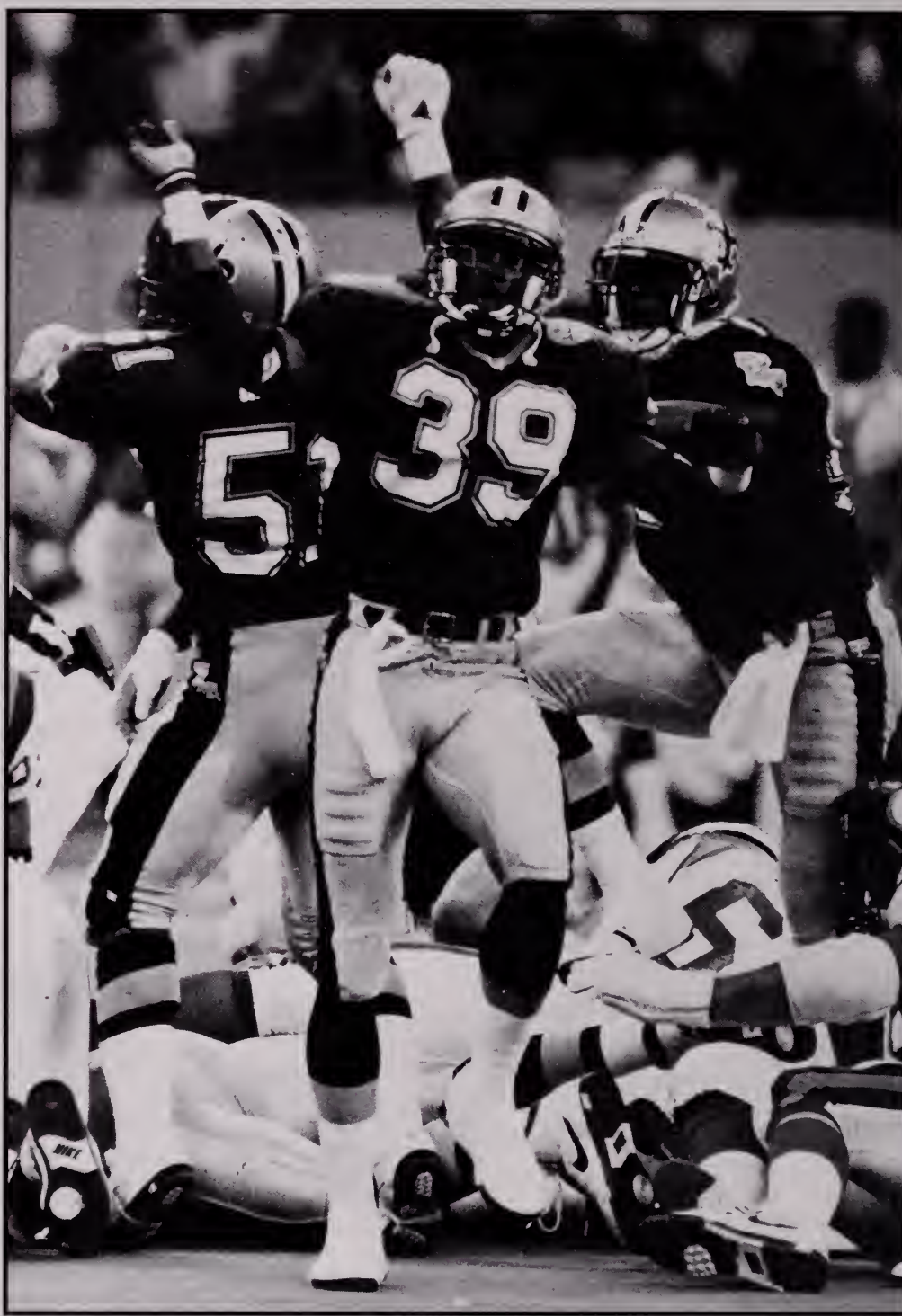
SAINTS INSPIRE PRIDE AND PARTIES IN THEIR PATH TO THE PLAYOFFS

THE SAINTS weren't the Ain'ts anymore following a season that saw them capture the division championship.

Skeptical fans welcomed veteran quarterback Bobby Hebert back to the game this year after he sat out the 1990 season because of contract disputes. Those who had felt betrayed by the Cajun boy's actions quickly forgave and forgot after the Saint's 26-0 victory over the Minnesota Vikings. That win provided the Saints with one of their best season starts in their 25-year history.

The offense was led by Hebert, a durable all-purpose leader who knew what needed to be done on the field. The defense, headed by the unstoppable team of Rickey Jackson, Pat Swilling, Vaughan Johnson and Sam Mills, was considered in some NFL circles to be the best in the business.

Saints-mania had once again returned to Louisiana. Public support had been drifting away over the years because of terrible



THE NEW ORLEANS SAINTS DAZZLED THE STATE WITH WIN AFTER WIN AFTER WIN. ALTHOUGH THEY FELL IN THEIR FIRST PLAYOFF GAME, THEY FINISHED UP THE MOST ACCOMPLISHED SEASON IN THE TEAM'S HISTORY (PHOTO: BRAD KEMP.)

they showed themselves as a power with which to reckon.

The team won the Division Championship for the first time in their history and ended its regular season with 11 wins and 5 losses. Then they went on to the Wildcard Playoffs only to lose to the Atlanta Falcons before a packed Superdome crowd in the first round. Despite their short post-season showing, Saints fans were faithful and proud until the end.

The team's victory cheer, "Cha-ching," became a new staple in Louisiana's vocabulary. And the who-dat? version of "When the Sair Go Marching In" vied for radio time with top-40 hits at stations across the state. The Bayou State, infamous for its constant search

seasons and woeful performances. But during the past 5 years, the Saints have been coming back little by little by proving themselves a competitive football team. This year

for a reason to party, was in bliss as their team climbed high.

—Stacy Landreth

ON SATURDAY, June 30, Telecable Associates pulled MTV from all of its daughter systems in a seven-state area, including cable systems in Lafayette and many surrounding communities.

The grip of the music video network would not be loosed so quickly, however, and by August 1 the network was once again being channeled into the homes of local cable-TV customers.

TCA had pulled MTV in the interest of customers who had complained about the sexual and sometimes violent content of the music videos. Because the channel

CONTROVERSY: MTV UNPLUGGED

was part of an expanded basic cable package, when a customer got a converter box, they got MTV. Some parents had complained that their children were watching it without parental approval.

TCA negotiated with Viacom, MTV's parent company, in an effort to offer the channel on a home-by-home basis. Viacom refused. If customers had to put in a special request to receive the

channel, it would have been "like making us a pay service without the pay," according to Carole Robinson, vice president of press relations for MTV.

"We didn't want to pull MTV. That was not our choice," said Arden Dufilho, district marketing manager for TCA. "But we didn't want to be forced to give it to people who didn't want it."

The two companies eventually came to an agreement, and, when MTV returned to basic cable in August, it came with an option allowing dissatisfied viewers not to receive it. —Trent Myers

MATTINGLY: CUTTING OUT WILD HAIR



HAIR APPARENT
(PHOTO AP).

DON Mattingly received national attention in August for more than his baseball expertise. A flat refusal to get a haircut resulted in his

being benched just before the New York Yankees' game against Kansas City.

The hair-raising issue came to a close just days later when bullpen catcher Carl Taylor gave Mattingly a trim.

"I was pretty much embarrassed by the whole thing. I've never been the kind of player who's been a problem," Mattingly said. "We've disagreed on things in the past, but they've never taken the game away from me."

—Associated Press

AS PRESIDENT BUSH attempted to show some semblance that he had a grip on the national recession, Democratic candidates for the '92 presidential election began to hone in on the target of March 10, 1992, Super Tuesday.

New York Gov. Mario Cuomo, recognized by Republicans and Democrats as the man most likely to succeed George Bush, never having officially announced his candidacy, exited the race in December, citing his lack of progress in solving his state's \$5 billion gap.

Other democratic candidates, the "six-pack," included Bill Clinton, governor of Arkansas; Bob Kerrey, U.S. senator from Nebraska; Tom Harkin, U.S. senator from Iowa; Douglas Wilder, governor of Virginia; Jerry Brown, former governor of California; and Paul Tsongas, former U.S. senator from Massachusetts. Following Cuomo's announcement not to run, Clinton led the pack.

Bush's rivals from his own party included nationally syndicated conservative columnist Patrick Buchanan and the bilingual David Duke. *Newsweek* reported that Duke "launched his bid by displaying his presidential timber" when he explained his international trade policy. Duke was quoted as saying, "We must go to the Japanese and say, 'You no buy our rice, we no buy your cars.'" Charming. —Trent Myers

CAMPAIGNING BEGINS FOR HOPEFULS



U.S. SEN. PAUL
TSONGAS AND OTH-
ERS HIT THE TRAIL
(ART: CAMPUS PRESS
SERVICE).

SOUTH AFRICAN LEADERS FORM HISTORIC PACT

PRESIDENT F.W. de Klerk, African National Congress President Nelson Mandela and Zulu Inkatha leader Mangosuthu Buthelezi came together in September when black and white leaders gathered to sign a peace pact in a bid to end faction fighting that has claimed hundreds of lives in South Africa.

The accord, which created groups to investigate violent acts by police and citizens, marked the first joint agreement between the government and the two main black movements.

It was also seen as an important test of whether the main political groups can work together for reforms to end white-minority rule.



ANC PRESIDENT NELSON MANDELA, PRESIDENT F.W. DE KLERK AND ZULU LEADER BUTHELEZI REACHED AN HISTORIC AGREEMENT (PHOTO: AP).

The government and the ANC reached a cease-fire in August 1990 and Mandela and Buthelezi agreed to peace terms in January 1991. But in both instances, the violence raged on.

At least 6,000 people have been killed in the past six years.

—Associated Press

ANDERSON'S RELEASE ENDS HOSTAGE SAGA

TERRY ANDERSON emerged on Dec. 4, 1991, from the dark hole of six and a half years of captivity in Lebanon and was handed over to U.S. officials, ending a brutal hostage ordeal for both himself and the United States.

Asked what had kept him going in captivity, Anderson, the chief Middle East correspondent for The Associated Press, said it was his companions, his faith and his stubbornness.

"You just do what you have to do," he said. "You wake up every day and summon up energy from somewhere, and you get through the day, day after day after day."

Anderson, 44, the longest-held Western hostage, came to personify the long-running hostage ordeal. Asked if he had any last words for his kidnappers, he rolled his eyes and said, "Goodbye."



AFTER MORE THAN SIX YEARS OF CAPTIVITY IN LEBANON, TERRY ANDERSON WAS FREED. THREE AMERICANS DIED WHILE HELD HOSTAGE WITH ANDERSON (PHOTO: AP).

Anderson's freedom marked the end of a hostage saga that haunted two U.S. presidencies.

He was the 13th and last U.S. captive freed since Shiite extremists in 1984 launched a campaign of seizing foreigners in Lebanon to drive out Western influence which they claimed corrupted the nation. Many of the Americans were tortured and beaten during their captivity, and three died.

—Associated Press

CONNORS WINS ONE FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

WHEN JIMMY CONNORS began the '91 tennis season, he was ranked 998th in world. But the 39-year-old pro of two decades, quickly climbed to the top of the charts and into the hearts of tennis fans around the globe when he made it to semi-final competition in September's U.S. Open.

Men half his age fell by the wayside as Connors squeaked through four rounds of play amid the frantic cheers of fans who had rediscovered him as a hero of the middle-aged. Jim Courier, 21, was the man who stopped what many thought would be Connor's sixth trip to a U.S. Open victory.

But, as *People Weekly* noted when it listed Connors among "The 25 Most Intriguing People of 1991," the fact that he lost was almost irrelevant. "Connors made believers of us all," according to the magazine. "Maybe you really *are* as young as you feel." —Jeff Gremillion

AFTER AIDS ANNOUNCEMENT, NATION'S GOT TO BELIEVE IN MAGIC

WHEN MAGIC Johnson went to see the Lakers' team doctor in October, he thought it would be just another routine checkup. Later that same month, Johnson got the news that changed his life. He had tested positive for the HIV virus. Though Johnson didn't have AIDS, he was infected with the virus. Doctors said they expect him to exhibit symptoms of the disease within the next 10 years. Johnson said that when he realized he would have to resign from professional basketball, he felt "sick."

In the November issue of *Sports Illustrated*, Johnson wrote, "I was numb. In shock. And, yes, I was scared."

Johnson said his first thoughts were of his wife, Cookie, who was seven weeks pregnant when he got the news. Although he did not tell her the day he found out, when he did tell her, she saw a doctor immediately. Both breathed a sigh of relief when she tested negative for the virus.

Johnson decided to treat the illness like he would treat an



LIFE MAGAZINE QUOTED MAGIC JOHNSON ON HIS FEELINGS AFTER LEAVING THE LAKERS BECAUSE OF HIS DISEASE. HE SAID, "WHAT I'LL MISS MOST IS THE UNIFORM" (PHOTO: AP).

awareness, appointing Johnson to the his commission on AIDS.

In *Sports Illustrated*, Johnson revealed how he contracted the virus. "I am certain that I was infected by having unprotected sex with a woman who has the virus," he wrote. "The problem is that I can't pinpoint the time, the place or the woman."

Johnson's message to the world is that AIDS is not restricted to homosexuals and drug users. To all those who thought they couldn't get AIDS, the world renown athlete brought a grim message: "Think again."

A *People* reporter wrote that after Johnson received criticism for his promiscuity from religious leaders, political leaders and other athletes, he altered his pro-condom message to advocate that the safest sex was no sex.

opposing team: he was going to beat it.

After he went public with the discovery, Johnson began urging other athletes and entertainers to get tested. President Bush named him as a spokesperson for AIDS

The magazine went on to report that, though the HIV infection forced Johnson to end his career, he would continue to keep fit and that he "reaffirmed his plan to play in the '92 Olympics."

—Jennifer Juneau

LAGNIAPPE DAY, AN ANNUAL
EVENT FOR NEARLY TWO
DECADES, WENT ON AMID
CONTROVERSY SURROUNDING
ITS FUNDING

The Trials of a tradition



EMPLOYEES OF
CLEARWATER
CRAWFISH COM-
PANY PREPARE FOR
LAGNIAPPE DAY,
ONE OF THE MOST
EAGERLY
ANTICIPATED
FEASTS OF THE
YEAR.

TRENT MYERS

BY GRETCHEN WYBLE

It all started in 1974 when the USL basketball team was put on suspension for two years by the NCAA. Lagniappe Day was conceived to keep school spirit up while basketball games were on hold. After the NCAA lifted the suspension the event didn't die. Because of its huge popularity, Lagniappe Day became a tradition.

The lagniappe, which is French for "a little something extra," has changed over the years, though. In the Lagniappe Days of the past, there were games like tug-of-war, sack races, bike racing, a horseshoe toss and, of course, lots of crawfish. School was canceled, and the games went on from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. Usually three bands played while students enjoyed the competition.

There was 15 cent beer from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., and the crawfish boil went on from 3:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Events which capped off the night usually included a free film, a USL jazz ensemble performance, and another band which played until late in the evening.

In 1991 Lagniappe Day, on April 5, was a bit different. School was not canceled. Of course, it hasn't been canceled for Lagniappe Day since 1988. Organizers of the event said school was not called off because many students used the free day to do other things and didn't participate in the festivities.

Kick-off was pushed up from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. That's when Phil Beridon made his traditional leap into Cypress Lake. There still were games, but they

began at 4:30 p.m., after most classes were over. Because Blackham Coliseum, the usual sight for Lagniappe Day, was being used for another event, games and crawfish were moved down the road to the Cajundome.

The scene was not the only thing different about Lagniappe Day 1991. The feeling in the air was, for many, a little less jubilant than usual.

Some controversy surrounded this year's Lagniappe Day. Students who weren't on a USL meal plan were charged \$6 for their "something extra." Dormitory residents, who are required to have a meal ticket, attended the event free of charge in lieu of the regular Friday evening meal.

The six bucks was collected and given to USL Food Service to help cover the cost of the 7,000 pounds of crawfish and the 22 kegs of beer.

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TRENT MYERS

Cypress Lake Gets Its Phil

BY TRENT MYERS

Lagniappe Festival 1991 marked Phil Beridon's 14th jump into Cypress Lake.

The USL alumnus has made the legendary jump every year since 1977, except for one year when his doctor strictly ordered him not to. He was suffering from a foot ailment and his doctor said, "I know that lake, and you will lose your foot if you jump."

Another year a couple of football players were harassing him just prior to splash time. He cautioned them that they might "strain a muscle" and pointed toward his head. Then they threw him in.

Beridon's reasons for diving into the muddy water once a year include "tradition," his desire to encourage people to keep the lake free of trash, and his love for USL. He said that when he came to the university as a freshman, the school accepted him as one of its own. He explained that, by his performance, he hopes to help students to understand the importance of tradition.



GIGI JACQUES


TELLING THE CROWD ABOUT A
GROUP OF "MUSCLE-HEADS"
THAT ONCE THREW HIM INTO
THE LAKE, PHIL BERIDON PRE-

This particular tradition began in 1977 when a group of communication students were shooting some scenes of the swamp for a freshman orientation presentation that they were producing. Someone suggested that Beridon jump in for the camera, and the rest is history.

Beridon said that prior to the jump he "pumps up the crowd as much as possible." He does manage to get the crowd into what he's doing. This year he got everyone to start counting down from 10. When the countdown was over and it was time to jump, he backed away from the water.

People were screaming, "Jump! Jump!" One student shouted, "You better jump, I'm gonna be late for class." He soon popped back through the crowd to make the awaited splash.

Beridon works for the Office of Family Services in Vermilion Parish.

He said that his tuxedo for this year's jump was donated by Acadiana Tuxedo. 

Festivalgoers consumed 6,700 pounds of crawfish at Lagniappe Festival.

John Donaldson, director of USL's Food Services, said that this year's event was an even bigger success than last year's. Only 6,600 pounds were eaten last year.

In previous years the university would purchase 10,000 pounds of the tasty crustaceans and then sell back the crawfish that weren't used. Not this year.

Donaldson said that he had to get as close as possible in calculating the amount that would be eaten because this year the sale was final. No returns, no refunds.

And, of course, not ordering enough and running out would have been an embarrassment.

He ordered 400 pounds more than were eaten last year.

Because Food Services contracts to provide the crawfish for the event, he said, "It's not the kind of event where I can run out."

He didn't. Leftovers weighed in at 300 pounds.

The crawfish were raised at Clearwater Crawfish, a processing plant in St. Martinville. Plant Manager, Carl "C. C." Berard, said that the plant

sells between 4,000 and 6,000 pounds of crawfish every day. In addition to local sales, the plant also sells to customers overseas.

Berard explained that the crawfish were raised in rice fields that span about 2,000 acres.

The Clearwater Crawfish truck delivered USL's crawfish to the Cajundome at about 10 a.m. on the morning of the festival.

Workers began hosing down and cleaning, and at 12:30 Chef Frank DeFrances of Total Catering began lowering the crawfish into the boiling water. Crawfish were boiled in batches of about 900 pounds.

The first Lagniappers would not be admitted for five hours, but he started early in order to avoid getting behind when the peeling and eating began.

He and his assistant, Chef Britt Shockley, sprinkled big sacks of orange seasoning over the cooking crawfish, using shovels to stir. The crawfish were then dumped into big vats lined with plastic to await their final destination — the plates of hungry festivalgoers.

The cost of purchasing and boiling the crawfish was more than \$8,000. ■

A Crawfish Tale

BY TRENT MYERS



WORKERS WET DOWN A PORTION OF THE 7,000 POUNDS OF CRAWFISH THAT WERE LATER BOILED FOR LAGNIAPPE DAY.

had to pay the \$6 complained that they had already paid a \$2.50 fee in their tuition that goes to the Union Program Council (UPC), sponsor of the event. UPC member Allison Nuestrom told *The Vermilion* that the event should have been free to all students, regardless of whether they have a meal ticket or not.

She said, "[The \$6 fee] doesn't encourage

off-campus people to go at all. It's almost like punishing them for not having a meal ticket."

Although the newspaper also quoted an anonymous administrator as calling Lagniappe Day 1991 a "fiasco" — and although off-campus student turnout was low — UPC Coordinator Connie Elmore said the event was "a big success, and everyone had a good time." ■

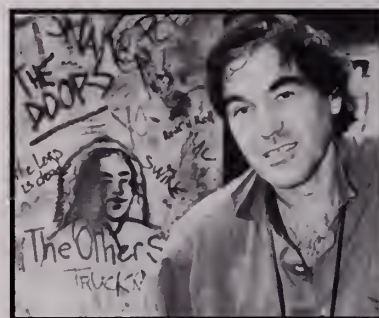
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WILLIS IN *HUDSON HAWK*

MOVIES & TV

MURDER AND MADNESS figured highly into what was hot at the box office, while nostalgia and Real Life were the big winners on the small screen. Sex, as is its custom, permeated both.



BRANAGH IN THE
THRILLER *DEAD
AGAIN*

The Silence of the Lambs, the Jodie Foster/Anthony Hopkins cannibalism delight, was a huge hit that made nearly every critic's list of the year's best.

Other homicidal films that fared well included *Dead Again*, director-actor Kenneth Branagh's

reincarnation romp, and *Terminator 2: Judgment Day*, the continuing story of Arnold Schwarzenegger's early-80s high-tech hit-man. Because of the show-stopping special effects, *Judgment Day* has been listed as the most expensive film ever made. The year also included *Cape Fear*, Martin Scorsese's remake of the classic 1961 thriller.

Walking 60s flashback, director Oliver Stone, put the most famous murder of the 20th century on the screen in *JFK*, a highly controversial film in which Stone alleges a huge plot was behind the John Kennedy assassination. Earlier in the year, Stone released *The Doors*, a movie about another infamous death — that of 60s rocker Jim Morrison.

Films about growing up or maturing in some way were also big with audiences and critics. *Thelma and Louise*, starring Susan Sarandon and Geena Davis as women discovering that the world is theirs for the taking, drew claims of male-bashing. John Singleton's *Boyz n The Hood* followed a group of young



THE TORRID
TEENS OF
*BEVERLY HILLS
90210*



THE NEW CAST OF
DESIGNING WOMEN

black men attempting to survive gang warfare in L.A. In Barbra Streisand's *The Prince of Tides*, Nick Nolte and Streisand

overcame their fears and fell in love.

River Phoenix and Keanu Reeves were male prostitutes who engaged in kinky threesomes with customers as they struggled to come to grips with their loneliness in Gus Van Sant's avant-garde *My Own Private Idaho*. In *City Slickers*, Billy Crystal played a baby boomer searching for the meaning of life. Steve Martin's daughter got married and forgot all about dear old dad (not!) in *Father of the Bride*. And, as its theme song announced, star-crossed lovers learned "that they can change" in the 1991 Disney animated feature *Beauty and the Beast*.

Furthermore: The gangster trend continued in films like *Mobsters*, *Billy Bathgate* and *Bugsy*. *The Naked Gun 2 1/2* and *Hot Shots!* put sheer silliness in vogue. Jodie Foster's



VAL KILMER AS
MORRISON IN
THE DOORS

directorial debut, *Little Man Tate*, was well-received. Spike Lee explored inter-



AH-NOLD IN
TERMINATOR 2:
JUDGMENT DAY

racial relationships in *Jungle Fever*. Madonna bared her breasts in her rockumentary *Truth or Dare*; Robin Williams bared his buttocks in his new wave buddy movie *The Fisher King*; and diehard Bruce Willis fans grinned and bared his mega-turkey *Hudson Hawk*.

On television, life's realities and memories were common themes in the most noteworthy shows. However, many popular shows sharply contrasted Real Life.

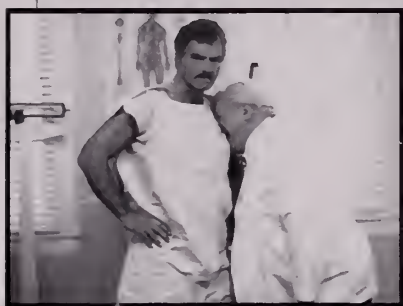
The animated *Simpsons* continued to vie for the top of the ratings. *Star Trek: The Next Generation* garnered a significant following, as did *Beverly Hills, 90210*, the overly sexy high school drama that made sensations of its leading men, Jason Priestly and Luke Perry. The time-traveling hero of *Quantum Leap* continued to do good deeds all over history. And the subtly surreal *Northern Exposure*, a story of life and love in rural Alaska,



BEAUTY FROM DISNEY'S
BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

was also largely watched.

Exposure rounded out a wonderful CBS Monday-night lineup that included some of the year's most talked-about



REYNOLDS (WITH CHARLES DURNING) IN *EVENING SHADE*

sitcoms. *Designing Women*, which was redesigned to include *Saturday Night Live*'s Jan Hooks and *Newhart*'s Julia Duffy, pressed on without Jean Smart (who quit) and Delta Burke

(who was fired after a highly publicized fight with producers). On *Murphy Brown*, Candice Bergen turned up pregnant. And Burt Reynolds won his first Emmy for his work on *Evening Shade*.

In the nostalgia category, programs like *I'll Fly Away* gained critical attention. The show is about a white family in the 1950s South who live with a black housekeeper. *Brooklyn Bridge* is also a family story set in the 50s, this



LESLIE NIELSEN AND PRISCILLA PRESLEY IN *THE NAKED GUN 2 1/2*

time, as the title suggests, in Brooklyn.

In the realms of reality, *Roseanne*, named Program of the Year by *Entertainment Weekly* and the most-watched show of the year, made references to the recession, dealt frankly with puberty and gave a clear (and funny) picture of The Average Life.

Thirtysomething, a big hit with critics which was canceled midway through the year, included nervous breakdowns, corporate evil, and midlife crisis with startling honesty.

Maintaining high ratings, docudramas like *Rescue 911* and *Cops* and home-video shows like *America's Funniest Home Videos* took the reality thing to the extreme. As did live coverage of the Gulf War, the Clarence Thomas Senate hearings and the William Kennedy Smith rape trial. CNN brought the stunning dramas into America's living rooms as they happened. —Jeff Gremillion



ICE CUBE IN *BOYZ N THE HOOD*



DIRECTOR-ACTOR STREISAND IN *THE PRINCE OF TIDES*.



LORI BELILOVE FROM STATE OF LA DANSE

THEATRE & DANCE

WHAT DO MISCHIEVOUS FAIRIES, the unfortunate owner of a bowling alley and David Klein have in common? They all graced our campus this year via the USL Performing Arts department.



LINDA JOHNSON AND SUSAN BISHOP IN A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM

The department began its season when it presented a dance concert in March. The program featured modern dance works choreographed and performed by dance students. Featured student choreographers included Shayna Falgout, Tammy

Landry, Jill Elmer and Linda Johnson.

The theatre department followed with *Volpone*, a comedy by Renaissance writer Ben Jonson. According to *The Vermilion*, the play is a farce based on the Italian *Commedia dell-Arte* and an ancient African fable. It's about Volpone, "the fox," who feigns death to see which one of his

friends will try to take his money.

The cast had great fun performing the play, according to Dana Prados, who played Cecila. "Everyone constantly tried to play practical jokes on each other. The final performance was a hoopla of practical jokes." She explained that cast members planted things such as condoms in props and made telephones ring when they were not supposed to. This made the play even funnier. Prados said that it was interesting to see who could stay in character despite the jokes.

Directed by Laura Drake, associate professor of Performing Arts, the play was staged in a surrealistic setting with



STACIA TAYLOR AND SHAYNA FALGOUT IN THE SPRING DANCE CONCERT

costumes from the Renaissance period.

The department kept rolling with a summer performance of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. The comedy by William Shakespeare was directed by Stewart Hoch, choreographed by Kenneth Jenkins and composed by Jerri Burk.

The play involves the escape of the lovers Hermia and Lysander to an enchanted forest outside Athens, fairy mischief in the forest with Titania, queen of the fairies, and the marriage of the prince, where all characters are brought together.

Although the original text of the play was preserved, the set and characters were contemporary. An encore of the summer run was performed at the end of September.

In October, USL dance and choreography teachers Kenneth Jenkins and Sarah Stravinska directed modern dance works presented at the Heymann Center and co-sponsored by the USL concert series. The works featured acclaimed dancers from the Soviet Union, Greece and New York.

The next month, the Performing Arts Department welcomed the Studio



Classique, a group of traveling actors, who performed Molière's "Le Misanthrop" on the Burke stage.

The theatre department's performances of *More Fun Than Bowling* ran in November. Written by Steven Dietz and directed by Ed Donzal, the comedy featured Brett Ardoin as Jake Thomlinson, a man whose hand had been frozen into a perfect bowling grip by a baseball injury. Forced to give up his dreams of becoming a concert pianist, Jake buys a bowling alley. His first wife, Molly, leaves him, so he marries Lois. Lois is then killed when lightning hits a bowling trophy she is holding. Jake then marries Loretta. Loretta dies when a bowling ball rack falls on her head.

After burying wife number three,



Jake sits on a hill, contemplating life. He suddenly gets the feeling that someone is after him, and in fact, someone is. That someone is the mysterious man in black, who has a job

to do that involves Jake.

According to Donzal, the moral of the play was, "Try not to take life too seriously." Donzal, a senior theatre major,

directed the play to fulfill requirements toward his graduation.

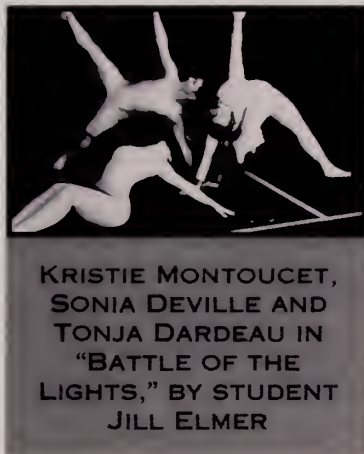
"It was an incredible learning experience," he said. He added that although it was a challenge, it was a privilege to direct a major stage play.

But the plots of three plays weren't the only things new and exciting in the Performing Arts department this year.

After the run of Drake's *Volpone*, she took a leave of absence to complete her doctoral degree at New York University, and David Klein stepped in to take her place.

Klein previously taught theatre at Florida State University in Tallahassee, Fla. In addition to his university projects, Klein has worked professionally with the Alabama Shakespeare Festival, the Three Rivers Shakespeare Festival, the New City Theatre of Pittsburgh and the Gateway to Music Children's Theatre Touring Company. He worked with teachers and artists like Oleg Tabakov of the Moscow Art Theatre and Jose Quintero of the Circle-in-the-Square Theatre. He has assumed over 100 roles in university, professional and community theaters.

—Jennifer Juneau



1991 PLAYS

A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM

by William Shakespeare

Directed by Stewart Hoch

The Cast (In order of appearance)

John Fiero, Pamela Tine', Erin May, Robert Alcorne III, Susan Bishop, Brent Smith, Carson Sonnier, Linda M. Johnson, Ed Donzal, Jeffery Guidry, Andre LaSalle, Cyndie Wheeler, Mark Segura, Trista Douglass, Pi Keovahong, Tracey Epperson, Brent Futrell, Denise Guillot, Cinday Garry, Sonia DeVille, Paige Willson, Beth Kennedy, Carmen Young, Graham Burk, Kathryn Dixon, Sonya LaComb, Ashley Carlin, Latonia Williams

Musicians

Jerritt Burk, Darrell Leger, Brent Williams, Antonio Cutrera

Crew

Kenneth Jenkins, Jerritt Burk, John Fiero, Richard Zimmermann, Mark Marcin, Kathy Burk, Kim Russo, Andre LaSalle, Anita DeRouen, Seanne Farmer, Mike Polson, Jeffery Guidry, Pi Keohavong, Ed Donzal, Teruki Hayashi, Carson Sonnier, Angela Lazare, Brent Futrell

VOLPONE

by Ben Jonson

Directed by Laura Drake

The Cast (In order of appearance)

Jeff Guidry, Seanne Farmer, Michele Boulet, Pi Keohavong, Baron Desmond, Brian McCann, Boyd Lejeune, David Reichard, Vincent Barras, Harry J. Thompson, Mike Millikin, Jon Russo, Mark Segura, Ashley Robertson, Bob Alcorn III, Adam Austin, Dwayne Crayton, Shauna Smith, Dana Prados, Jamey Caruthers, Dwayne Drayton, Ashley Adams

Crew

Richard Zimmermann, Mark Marcin, Kim Russo, Denise Guillot, Tom Irwin, Anna Thibeaux, Sonya LaComb, Brett Ardoin, Dorsey Knott, Jeri Harrington, Michele Boulet, Barrett Langanlais, Trista Douglass, Tyra Farlos

MORE FUN THAN BOWLING

by Steven Dietz

Directed by Ed Donzal

The Cast (In order of appearance)

Brett Ardoin, Tracey Epperson, Seanne Farmer, Erin May, Ted Vanhaverbeke

Crew

Richard Zimmermann, Terri Nunez, Amphayman Keohavong, Bob Alcorn, Tiffany Angelle, Chris Bernard, Amanda Bordelon, Michele Boulet, Kate Delcambre, Jake Duhon, Teruki Hayashi, David Reichard, Ed Donzal, Ted Vanhaverbeke, Jeff Guidry, Dannielle Moss, Chris Bernard, Teruki Hayashi, Moardecai Mose, Chyvonne Wilson



RANDY TRAVIS AT THE CAJUNDOME

ROCK & ROLL

THE CAJUNDOME AND the Heyman Performing Arts Center hosted some of the biggest names in the music industry this year.

January at the dome featured Paul Simon's "Born at the Right Time" tour. "He sang a song where he talked about 'standing on the corner in Lafayette' and the crowd went wild," according to Dan Hare, a USL staffer. "He seemed to really communicate energy to the crowd."

Francine Thibodeaux, a major in Broadcast Journalism, attended the George Strait show that was also in January. "It was one of the best concerts that

I've ever been to," she said. At one point, after he sang, "All My Ex's Live in Texas," the audience rushed the stage. "They freaked out," she said. "He had about 500 flowers at his feet and people were trying to get him to sign things. Someone even brought a guitar and he signed that."

In March, the Cajundome brought Keith Sweat and country star Randy Travis. April brought ZZ Top and Ricky Van Shelton. Political Science major Paul Angelle attended the ZZ Top show. He said the stage outfit of laser lights, explosions and giant video screens "looked like it cost a few million dollars."

In July, the Club MTV Tour came to town. C & C Music Factory, Color Me Bad, Gerado and Tara Kemp were all part of the package. Warrant and Firehouse performed at the dome in September, and country greats Willie



PAUL SIMON'S BORN AT THE RIGHT TIME TOUR MADE ITS WAY TO A PACKED CAJUNDOME.



JANUARY BROUGHT COWBOY-HAT-SPORTING GEORGE STRAIT, WHO THRILLED THE CAJUNDOME CROWD WITH "ALL MY EXES LIVE IN TEXAS."

Nelson and Conway Twitty made their way to Lafayette in October .

In late summer, the Heymann Performing Arts Center featured a sell-out acoustic performance from the multi-platinum recording duo Darryll Hall and John Oats. Ladies' man

Tom Jones also came to the Heymann in August, and Harry Connick Jr.'s performance in the spring

was also sellout. One Connick fan said that, though she got "crummy seats behind some big ole fat man," *hearing* Connick was worth the \$21 she paid for her ticket.

"He's the epitome of sexy," she said.

—Stacy Landreth



COUNTRY LEGEND CONWAY TWITTY PLAYED THE DOME.



SUPERGROUPS LIKE ZZ TOP. . .



. . . FIREHOUSE. . .



. . . AND WARRANT PERFORMED IN LAFAYETTE.

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A Crippling Dilemma



A USL STUDENT
CONFINED TO A
WHEEL CHAIR
ROLLS DOWN A
CAMPUS SIDEWALK.
HE MUST DEAL
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THAT A LARGE
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PUS IS INACCES-
SIBLE TO HIM.

DANIEL LINCOLN

BY JENNIFER JUNEAU

Thirty or forty percent of USL's campus is inaccessible to handicapped students, according to the director of Handicapped Services.

Handicapped Services, located in DeClouet Hall, provides services to students with limited mobility. (DeClouet Hall itself was the subject of a Sept. 13 *Vermilion* cover story which described the building as a "barrier to handicapped students" because of its own inaccessibility.) Services include priority scheduling, priority parking, special tutoring and use of special computers.

Sometimes classes are located where it is nearly impossible for a person in a wheel chair or on crutches to reach. Such locations are the third floor of Girard Hall, which has no elevator, and the first floor of Madison Hall, which has steps leading to different levels.

"The campus is only about 60 to 70 percent accessible," explained Director Jackie Ortego. She said that sometimes classes are relocated to a more accessible

place for just one student.

Handicapped Services also collaborates with students who are handicapped to arrange schedules that provide plenty of time to get to each class. By this priority scheduling "appropriate sections are provided so they don't have to run all over," Ortego said.

In spite of what Ortego said about scheduling, a new policy, one making it tougher for students with less serious disabilities to get convenient parking passes, will likely lead to more running around.

In the past, students with any kind of physical handicaps and limited mobility were given special parking spots on campus. However, according to Ortego, now a student must have an official handicapped license plate in order to receive special parking on campus.

"I worry about the parking situation," said Yvette Robinson who may have to put off graduating because of the problems with special parking.

Robinson has suffered with back

Doubting the Disabled

Students with special needs need special services, and USL seeks to provide services to meet the needs of such students. But sometimes the university fails.

One student with a learning disability, Diane Young (not her real name), claims that she was treated unfairly. Diagnosed by a private physician as having an attention deficit disorder, hyperactivity, and a list of other learning impairments, she thought she would be eligible for USL's learning disability program.

The program provides tutors, interpreters, priority class scheduling, elevator passes, the use of a computer lab and letters of explanation to instructors. It provides these services to students who are designated learning disabled by a university administered examination.

Young was shocked when she got her test results. Her exam results did not qualify her for the program.

Set up to ensure that only those who are truly disabled would enjoy the benefits of the program, the test disqualified one who was in need of those benefits. Her scores did not qualify her to receive the services. She believes was treated unfairly.

"The test was very inaccurate," she said. "I don't think that it was a very good measure of my problems." She argued that the tests performed by her physician had been much more thorough and

taylored to detect specific problems.

Young's private physician is former USL professor, Terry Lovelace. She described the testing process she performs to detect learning disabilities.

"We administer a comprehensive neurodevelopmental evaluation, which includes extensive background medical history, behavior rating scales and a psychological educational assessment, which tests such areas as reasoning, language, and visual/motor functions. It is a valid, reliable diagnosis."

Lovelace said the validity of the entrance tests for USL's learning disability program should be reevaluated because "people who really should be eligible for the program are being told that they are not eligible."

Lovelace explained that it's a shock to a student, who knows she has a learning problem, and is then disqualified from the special accommodations designed to aid her.

"It's hard when you have struggled all of your life in school, and now that you know the reasons why, services are denied to you because of a test," the doctor explained.

Carmen Charles, coordinator for disabled student services, which administers the university's examination, explained that the test is not diagnostic. "We don't test for learning disability. We can't say whether a student is or isn't learning disabled — we wouldn't dare try to say that."

"We have had a lot of questions from students who want to be in the program," said Edward Pratt, dean of Student Services. He explained that "arguments come in," when a student has been determined learning disabled by a private physician and then denied access to the program. The appeal process after such a rejection can be "frustrating

problems for 10 years. She has spinal fusion and has had surgery three times. Because of her condition, carrying heavy books is more than an inconvenience. It can be torture.

She explained that she usually makes several trips to her car a day to drop off and pick up books. In order to keep up with her schedule, it is imperative that her car be parked in a location central to her classes. However, Robinson refuses to get a handicapped license plate. She said that she did not want to take advantage of the special plate because her disability is not as severe as that of many others.

Another problem Robinson encounters on campus is with elevators. Students without physical handicaps are allowed to use the elevators, but they are expected to yield to the handicapped.

"If you don't have a walker, people don't think you have a problem," explained Robinson, whose handicap is not readily visible. She said that despite her back problems, she of-



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TRENT MYERS

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TAKE NOTES
A BUSINESS
CLASS.**

and discouraging to the parents and the child."

One parent, whose son's learning disabilities were not detected by the university's evaluation, agrees with Lovelace and sympathizes with Young.


"USL lacks the support for learning disabled students. Their test just does not pick up the problems," the parent said.

Until about three years ago, USL accepted test results from private physicians for entrance into the program. Since that time a committee of USL professors developed their own testing procedure. According to Jackie Ortego, former director of handicap services, "It is extremely unlikely that the scores would differ because of the standardized instruments used." However, she added that there may be differences in the way the results are interpreted.

Ortego explained that students who feel that their exam results are inaccurate may make an appeal before a committee of representatives from the psychology and special education departments.

Young was pursuing this process at press time.

Many other Louisiana colleges, including LSU and Louisiana Tech, do not require subsequent testing if a student has been determined to have a learning disability by a private physician.

Maribel McKinney, dean of student services at Louisiana Tech, said that her university tries to accommodate students with learning problems. She said that a doctor's statement is helpful, but a student's word is usually enough to warrant special measures. 

**BY STACY LANDRETH
& TRENT MYERS**



DANIEL LINCOLN

OFTEN TIMES IN USL CLASSROOMS, ALLOWANCES ARE MADE FOR STUDENTS WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES. ONE SUCH STUDENT IS ALLOWED TO USE A CALCULATOR ON AN EXAM WHILE OTHERS CALCULATE THE OLD-FASHIONED WAY.



TRENT MYERS

IN A BIOLOGY CLASS, ANNA DUHON SIGNS FOR HEARING IMPAIRED DAVID BORDELON.

ten uses the stairs because the elevator is too crowded.

The university does provide other services to the handicapped. There is a volunteer program which provides library and cafeteria assistance and reader services to the visually impaired. Books can be ordered on tape or in large print.

Darwin Manuel, a visually impaired student at USL, said he has no trouble getting around campus. The only major problem he has experienced has been low-hanging limbs.

"I'm six foot three," Manuel explained in the early fall, "and last week I ran into a limb. It hit me in the eye and scratched my cornea."


Manuel records his lectures and uses a pocket braille to take notes. In his dorm room he uses a

computer to do homework and record notes. He gets his text books on cassette tape or hires a reader to read onto tape.

USL is equipped with many computers and machines to aid the handicapped. Partial or complete quadrepalegics can use a software program called "One Finger." It allows the user to type everything with just one finger. For example, when the shift key is pushed, the computer knows that the very next key hit is to be shifted. This way the two keys do not have to be hit simultaneously.

Another program, which helps its user to save time, is called the "Mind Reader." This program attempts to figure out the intended word after only a few letters have been typed.

The latest machine available is one that looks like a copier, but instead of copying the print, a computerized voice reads it out loud. It can also load the print onto a computer disk.

Other areas of help for the handicapped include construction of ramps and inclined walkways outside Burke Hall and the installation of handicapped lifts in Corona Hall. Before the Corona lifts were installed in 1990, the Student Government Association offices were inaccessible to many handicapped students. 

Death and Resurrection

La Louisiane, the award-winning USL magazine, has received high praise from USL alumni and administrators. But, in the spring, the students shut it down.

This shock to the publication's system was accentuated by articles in *The Vermilion* revealing that in two separate instances over the past five years students were incorrectly assessed a combined total of more than \$41,000 for the magazine's operation.

In the spring of 1987, a referendum that would have increased student assessed fees \$2.50 per year in order to fund the magazine was put before students. It failed, but as *The Vermilion* reported in November of 1991, \$14,724 was still collected in the fall of 1987 for that purpose.

In the fall of 1987 students voted on the referendum again. This time it passed. The money was not refunded.

The \$2.50 fee assessment expired the fall of 1990. That should have been the last time that it was collected. However, during spring registration, students were once again unjustly charged for the sake of *La Louisiane*.

"There was a misunderstanding in how long the fee was to be collected," said Michael Konczal, the magazine's most recent editor. That misunderstanding costs students an extra \$27,000. Instead of refunding the money directly to students, Konczal said that it was spent on campus improvements.

The referendum came up again in the spring of 1991. Students once again voted it down. After this last failure, Konczal pled with SGA to put the referendum on the ballot again. He said he "wanted a chance to explain it to the students."

SGA gave him that chance and allowed a revote.

Konczal began campaigning to save his magazine. He went before the IFC and the Panhellenic Council seeking students support. He put out flyers all around campus and on cars at Cajun Field. He met students at the transit buses and explained the referendum. He even put up signs around campus and ran a full-page ad in *The Vermilion* promoting it.

"Perhaps it was overkill," Konczal said, "but it worked." On October 23, 1991, the referendum passed with 73 percent of the votes.

Two days later, on Oct. 25, the staff editorial in *The Vermilion* was entitled "If it doesn't pass the referendum the first time, try, try again."

BY JENNIFER JUNEAU,
TRENT MYERS & JEFF GREMILLION

LA LOUISIANE
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WITH
CONTROVERSY
AND DIED.
THEN IT CAME
BACK TO LIFE

Criticizing the SGA for ever putting the referendum before students a second time, the editorial asked, "What about the people who voted the first time? Does this mean the time and effort they exerted was futile? And here we thought this was a democracy. Not!"

The editorial cited a lack of student "voice" as a culprit in the fall of the *La Louisiane* referendum. When Konczal had pressed SGA to put the referendum before students a second time, the editorial continued, he was asked if there were any students on the staff. He had responded, "Not directly."

The caustic commentary continued: "Almost 60 percent of *La Louisiane's* funding came from student money, so shouldn't students have more than a 'Not directly' part on the magazine?"

After the referendum had passed, Konczal said he supported SGA's proposal that the magazine take on a student editor.

Konczal, however, attributed the failure of the referendum to a lack of advertising. "We didn't campaign for it," he said, adding that many students probably didn't know what they were voting on.

According to Konczal, many students who knew of the magazine mistakenly assumed that it was an alumni-only publication. He said that the magazine was never restricted to alumni news. "Its purpose is to show how USL fits into the scheme of Louisiana, the south and the nation," he said. "It exists solely to promote USL."

He added that the magazine covers many aspects of the university including students, faculty, economics and sports.

Konczal said that the magazine is mailed to alumni, government officials and to the permanent address of every student attending USL.

Now back on track and planning an issue for the spring of 1992, Konczal looks optimistically on the magazine's past setbacks. If the referendum was going to fail, it failed at the right time, he said.

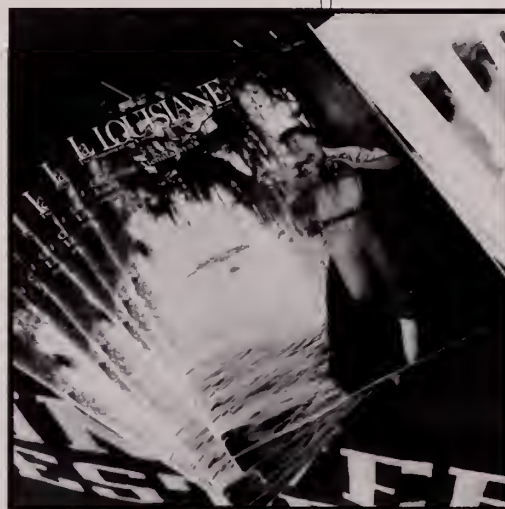
He explained that in 1991, the magazine was going through a number of changes. Konczal had just taken over because Mike Maher, the previous editor, had stepped down in order to teach full time. In addition, the magazine was undergoing redesigning and the next cover story was to be on the Louisiana wetlands project.

Now with the grand opening of the Wetlands Research Center in the spring of 1992, the story will be even more timely.

Konczal has many plans for improving *La Louisiane*. He said he would like to gear the magazine more toward students. The staff is working on increasing the visual impact of the magazine as well. He said that he would eventually like to use color throughout the magazine.

Another change in *La Louisiane's* future regards its promotion and distribution. Konczal said that he plans to distribute the magazine on campus, with issues available in the library, dorms and the post office. ■

Special thanks to John Gisclair, the Verm reporter who broke the news about the overcharges students paid for La Louisiane. He helped to make some sense of this complicated tale. —Editor



JOHN WEIMER

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JOHN WEIMER

LA LOUISIANE EDITOR MIKE KONCZAL SAID THE PUBLICATION'S INITIAL FAILURE AT THE BALLOT BOXES WAS A FAILURE OF THE MAGAZINE'S STAFF.

A Room With A Feud

BY STELLA C. THERIOT

Perhaps it's true that you never really know someone until you live with them.

Most people would think that rooming with a friend, especially a good friend, would be a great arrangement. Tony Thierry, a senior in Criminal Justice, found out that's not always the case when he roomed with his best friend in the fall of 1988.

Among points of disagreement: "His phone conversations were taking up a lot of time," Thierry said. He added that he and his roommate clashed on the issue of bringing guests into the room.

One particular weekend, Thierry was feeling bad. His roommate popped in with a group of friends from out of town and began "partying" in the room. "I stayed up most of the night due to the noise," he said.

Joseph Barnes, Thierry's ex-roommate, a sophomore in Industrial Technology,

remembered, too. He said

Thierry was more outgoing and usually had more guests in and out.

And Barnes had some observations of his own. "He

(Thierry) was definitely messy," he said. He recalled that Thierry never made his bed. He also would leave food out after eating.

He was quick to say, however, that the time he roomed with Thierry was better than the time he roomed with his brother. That situation didn't work out either.

When the semester ended, so did their status as roommates. But they remain friends.

Troy Guillory's roommate problem was a little different. Unlike Thierry, Guillory didn't know the person with whom he would cohabitate before they began sharing a room.

SOMETIMES, WHEN FRIENDS BECOME ROOMMATES, A LACK OF COMMUNICATION AND COMPROMISE HAS EXPLOSIVE CONSEQUENCES

Guillory said they got along great — at first. He and his roommate had the same likes and dislikes. The problem was with his roommate's friends.

"His friends would rip off my tapes and stuff," he said.

Cindy Gary and René Bellelo are Chi Omega sorority sisters. They met during the 1991 Rush and roomed together during the fall semester.

Despite obvious differences — Gary smokes, Bellelo doesn't — their living together was an agreeable experience.

Gary's consideration helped to keep things running smoothly. She would sit near a window when she smoked, and then she'd spray air freshener.

Bellelo noted that good friends usually take each other for granted. "There are good and bad aspects," she said. "You step on each other's toes, thinking they'll understand."

Dr. Doug Blair, director of USL's Counseling and Testing Center, agreed. He said that the compromises one makes to maintain a friendship are not the same kind as those necessary when living with someone. "Unless it is something fundamental like principles or cleanliness (not messiness), most people usually avoid conflicts or confrontations," the doctor said.

In short, it is the little things that cause problems. And the little things, because they are not dealt with, add up. Blair went on to say that when one of the roommates can't stand it anymore, that person will explode. "Then we have a big problem," he said.

"The roommate relationship is very similar to a marriage relationship," Blair said, adding that compromise and confrontation concerning problems is vital.

If these seemingly simple guidelines are not followed, the results could be serious. The arguing and fighting that one set of roommates engaged in not long ago resulted in their being forbidden from living in USL residence halls.

Dan Hare, assistant director of Housing, was a dean of student personnel for four years, and he remembers the situation well.

Two young women were good friends sharing a dorm room. "They were very disruptive with their loud arguments, so we spoke to them a couple of times," Hare said. When the two came into his office, they were well behaved and insisted there was no problem.

But as soon as they got back to the dorm, the fighting resumed. Hare said that it became clear that they had to be separated, and he gave them the choice as to which one would go. One girl moved to a different dorm. They were not allowed to visit each other.

Problem solved? No. "They violated the agreement," Hare said. One of the young women was found hiding in the other young woman's closet. They said that they were "just visiting," but the violation cost them their opportunity to live on campus. ■



DANIEL LINCOLN

ROOMMATES
AND CHI
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SISTERS
LEIGH
ROBETS AND
MELANIE
CAZES CHAT
IN THEIR
HARRIS
HALL ROOM.



MICHAEL TRAYLOR

VOORHIES HOUSE DIRECTOR SEAN WILSON, IN HIS ROOM, COUNSELS A RESIDENT. WILSON, LIKE ALL HDS, HAS TO DEAL WITH ROOMMATES WHO DON'T GET ALONG.

A RUNNING
JOKE ABOUT
STAR TREK
MADE LIGHT
OF
A FEUD OVER
FREEDOM OF
THE CAMPUS
PRESS

BY
TRENT MYERS

•Boucher Drive, which runs between Corona Hall and *The Vermilion* newspaper, is the "Neutral Zone."

On one side of the street, offices of *The Vermilion* newspaper have become the *Star Trek* spacecraft, "Starship Enterprise." The sign near the exit says "TRANSPORTER." The computer room where stories are typed and where the paper comes together is "ENGINEERING." The crew, determined to report all injustices within the university microcosm, have designated the SGA's Corona Hall offices across the street Romulan territory. It is rumored that President John Morgan (a.k.a. Romulan leader), has declared war on the Enterprise.

That's how staff members of *The Vermilion* jokingly referred to the newspaper's relationship with Morgan, during the SGA president's campaign that threatened to remove student provided money that funds both the newspaper and *L'Acadien* yearbook.

Lisa Traylor, editor of *The Vermilion*, said that the intergalactic jargon used by her staff to describe the conflict was "just a joke among staff members." Sometimes when they would see someone crossing Boucher Drive, they would say, "Look. They're crossing the Neutral Zone," and laugh.

She said that the analogy was meant for their own amusement and not as a derogatory attack on the student government.

However, when Morgan heard of the joke, he was not amused. He referred to there game as "*Star Trek* shit" and said that it was both "juvenile" and "pathetic."

Stardate, Sept. 6: *The Vermilion* reports that \$27,500, which had been misappropriated from student assessed funds is being returned to students — in a way. The money is "targeted to improvement projects to benefit students." The staff editorial in this issue, springboarding off of its report of the misappropriated funds, affirms that the newspaper's most important function is its "watchdog" role.

Star Wars

Stardate, Sept. 16: Morgan, addressing student government representatives, explains that the power of the senate is its ability to approve or deny money and referendums. Commenting that *The Vermilion's* description of itself as a watchdog is only "an editor spitting out something she knows not about," Morgan makes the counter-affirmation that it is the finance committee of student government that is the campus watchdog. He then vocalizes his desire to see the paper stripped of its student-fee appropriated money, which totals approximately \$64,000 per year. Full time undergraduates are charged \$2 in both spring and fall semesters and \$1 in the summer for publication of the newspaper.

Morgan later commented that the editor's salary of \$240 per issue and the business manager's salary of \$150 per issue, plus commission of advertisement sales, were "ridiculous."

"This is my thing," he said. "A lot of students don't even realize the salaries that are going across this campus, and when they hear about them, they freak out." He said that after he had publicly registered his discontent with the newspaper's referendum, the newspaper's staff began to perceive him as the enemy. "When student government stood up and said, 'Hey, these salaries are a little bit high,' we touched a nerve."

Traylor rejected any insinuation that *The Vermilion*, a nationally recognized, award-winning publication, in any way abused student fees. She reinforced that position, mentioning a series of investigative reports on the scandalous La Louisiane magazine appropriations (see pages 88 & 89).

Stardate, Sept. 20: A *Vermilion* editorial returns Morgan's fire. "It is a tad naive to suggest that a committee or the government itself will act as its own watchdog," according to the commentary. "If something does not agree with [Morgan], or he cannot use it as his puppet, he will attempt to get rid of it."

Stardate, Oct. 9: Morgan airs his grievances to the students during Free Speech Alley. The referenda that provide money to the newspaper and the yearbook — "grandfathered" referenda that automatically renew yearly without a new vote of the students — is described as "bullshit" by the president. He adds, "You don't get to vote on that referendum, but [*The Vermilion*] calls that freedom of the press."

He explained his reasoning in a later interview with *L'Acadien*. Since part of *The Vermilion's* funding comes from student fees, he said, it is not a legitimate free press. "I believe strongly in freedom, but this is not true freedom of the press here."

Despite his grievances, he said that he does recognize the value of the newspaper's check on student government. He explained, though, that the manner in which reporters often sought information was inappropriate.

"It's 'I want it now, and I have the rights of the press.' After you come to me like that, you can just about kiss my ass," he said. "I'm trying my hardest to do what's right."

He explained that in working as an intermediary between students and the university, it sometimes becomes necessary to be somewhat secretive. Though he denied engaging in any illegal activities, he said that the "nature of politics," sometimes made it necessary "to do what I have to do to get things done."

"Newspapers don't see it like that," he continued. "They want everything open. They forget the role of student government president to oversee all student referended monies. Every money brought in by students is my business."

• Though they often collided in the exercise of their respective powers in 1991, both Traylor and Morgan closed the year with positive words about their confrontations and about one other.

"I would rather have bad communication than no communication," Morgan said. "Bad communication can always be worked out. While we disagree, it's healthy. We both serve a purpose."

Traylor said, "I'm not out to get him or anything like that. I'm just trying to do my job, and part of my job is that watchdog role."

"John has been the best student government president that USL has had in a very long time. He's getting things done." ❏



SUSAN CANAFAX

SGA PRESIDENT JOHN MORGAN SAID THAT WHEN STUDENTS HEAR ABOUT THE SALARIES OF SOME STUDENT EMPLOYEES, "THEY FREAK OUT."



GREEKS/GROUPS

Broken traditions. Hard lessons. Progress. The Greeks of '91

endured these and much more as they continued in a transitional period

in which Change has been mandated. And groups saw growth

as many shocked the campus with their successes.



TRENT MYERS



TRENT MYERS

HE'S NOT HEAVY; HE'S MY BROTHER. KAPPA SIGMAS PRENTISS FREEMAN AND HUNTER ROUGEAU PULL THEIR WEIGHT AS THEY DRAG ALONG A BROTHER IN THE LAST LEG OF THE GREEK WEEK CART RACES.



DANIEL LINCOLN

S.O.S. STAFFERS JAY BARRAS, MATHA SIBILLE AND ELISABETH WILSON GO THE PROVERBIAL EXTRA MILE, CALLING NEW FRESHMEN TO MAKE SURE UNIVERSITY LIFE HAS GONE WELL FOR THEM SINCE THEIR ORIENTATION. THE PROJECT WAS CALLED "OPERATION SECOND CHECK."

BROTHERS BY BIRTH (AND BY SIGMA NU) SCOTT AND MONTY GOSNELL CELEBRATE FALL BID DAY WITH AN EMBRACE.

Shocking Success

WHO'S WHO AMONG STUDENTS IN AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES

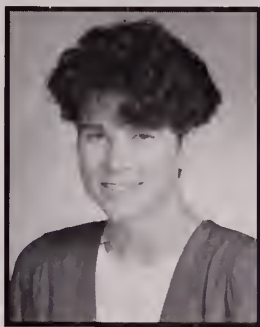
THE CREME OF THE CROP, the pick of the litter, the top of the heap. Almost any superlative would aptly fit the group honored this year as USL's newest members of the elite national honor society, "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges."

A committee comprised of faculty members, administrators and some of last year's honorees selected 49 students, including both graduates and undergraduates, from USL's nine colleges. Criteria for making the prestigious listing includes academic achieve-

ment, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continued success.

This year's "Who's Who" group combines the movers and shakers from virtually all areas of life at USL. Athletics, the Greek system, campus programming, student government, freshmen orientation, the collegiate press and the arts, among others, are represented.

Students on the cutting edge of what's new and intriguing at USL join together to take the places they have earned as the university's finest. ⚡



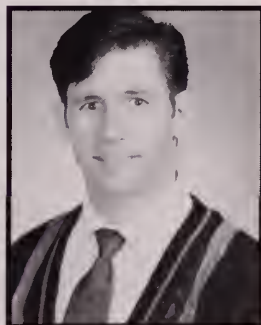
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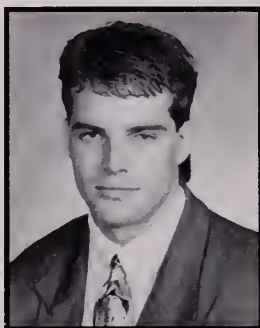
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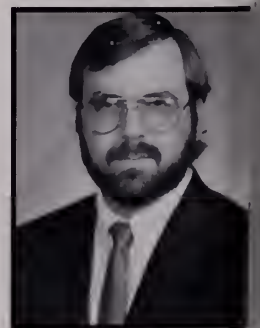
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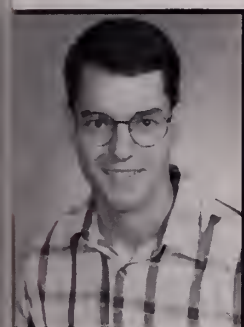
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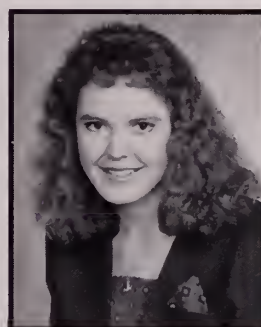
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Accounting Society 1

First Row: Karla Meche (Treas), Ann Ortego (Sec).
Second Row: Glenn Broussard (VP Programs), James
Roch (Pres), Terry Blanchard (VP Cmcn).



Accounting Society 2

First Row: Karen Guidry, Dianna Touchet, Rachel
Cunningham, Daniel Dioguardi, Cherie Dioguardi,
Christy Rees. Second Row: Jeff Welke, Andrew
Walters, Lisa Tweedel, Sandi Oliver, Christie Boutte',
Pat Sheffield.



Accounting Society 3

First Row: Carlissa Moler, Bonnie Borel, Jennifer
Cramer, Christelle Colley, Ann Ortego (Sec), Rhonda
Robinson. Second Row: Paula Bower, Julie Liebert,
Kimberly Elias, Deborah Murrell, Wanda Arcement,
Clara Duhon.



Accounting Society 4

First Row: Deborah Duhon, Rochelle Gonsoulin,
Melanie Miller, Dawn Kleinpeter, Tracy Dailey,
Pauline Granger, Sharelle Hebert, Stephanie Trahan.
Second Row: Charlotte Durand, Steven Moosa, Kathy
Larson, Andrus Granger, Lisa Landry, Nicole
Blanchard, Amy Landry.



Accounting Society 5

First Row: Jennifer Brown, Amanda Heard, Dawn
Johansen, David Hebert, Michelle Munro, Karla Meche
(Treas). Second Row: Wayne Haristy, Glen Denehie,
Deidre Touchet, Stephen Gillette, James Roth, Wendi
Robertson, Mannette Smith.



A Different Drummer

THE USL MARCHING BAND
CHANGED THEIR TUNE TO OVERCOME
'ROWDY' IMAGE

By Jennifer Juneau



GETTING DOWN TO BRASS TAX. MEMBERS OF THE USL MARCHING BAND PRACTICE AT CAJUN FIELD FOR A HALF-TIME PERFORMANCE.

THE USL "PRIDE OF ACADIANA" MARCHING BAND HAS CHANGED.

GONE ARE THE DAYS WHEN TUBA PLAYERS ROASTED HOT DOGS IN THE STANDS AT FOOTBALL GAMES. GONE ARE THE DAYS WHEN BAND MEMBERS DRANK FROM MORNING UNTIL NIGHT ON BUS TRIPS TO GAMES OUT OF STATE. GONE ARE THE DAYS WHEN BAND REHEARSALS WERE LIKE THREE-RING CIRCUSES.

With the arrival of Dr. George Sparks as band director in 1989, changes began in the band's attitude, discipline and reputation. He brought in stricter rules and rid the band of its "rowdy, drunken" reputation. As a result, the numbers decreased, it is now down to 130 members, but according to many band members, the quality and attitude improved.

"When I first joined band everyone knew their music and went to rehearsal, but just partied a lot," said 1991 band President Neil Simon, who joined the band in 1983. He added that many people joined just because of the "partying" reputation, while many good musicians did not join for the same reason. According to Simon, his primary goal as band president it to "created a camaraderie within the band."

"Along with other band members who have been in a long time, I want to make band more professional and close-knit," Simon said.

The 1991 marching band saw perhaps the most radical change of

all, the arrival of the first female and first freshman drum major, Renee Langley. Langley, previous drum major for Comeaux High School, said she was nervous about directing the USL band for the first time.

"I was intimidated the first time I directed the band because they were so much older than me," Langley said. According to Dwight Jodon, the band's other drum major, some upperclassmen were apprehensive about having a freshman as a drum major. However, after getting to know Langley, most agree that she does a great job.

"She's impressive and well qualified," Jodon said. "I don't think it bothers anyone that she's a girl."

While the band is shaping into a more professional organization, it still has a long way to go, Sparks said.

"We need to develop sources of funding," he said. He is not discouraged with the size of the band, although he would like to see it increase to about 150 members, which is the maximum his budget will allow.

Sparks, Langley and Simon all agree that the band still needs more discipline. However, they agree, being in the band should be fun.

"You have to keep it light," Langley said. "Too much hard work would be a culture shock to half of the people."

Sparks agreed, adding, "Music should be both fun and educational."

Not all students liked the discipline. Many members quit, but others such as four-year member Tracy Richard just gritted their teeth and accepted it.

"At first I was edgy about changes, but this year I like it. It's a better band and we've gotten a lot of compliments," said Richard.

And compliments is not all the band is receiving. It is starting to gain recognition from Alumni and the surrounding community. The band has been asked to play pep rallies before USL games at Scandal's, the Yellow Rose and the Holidome.

Band members receive two credits and \$200 for their time and effort. ■

Culture Shock

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT COUNCIL:
'DESIGNED TO CULTURALLY
BROADEN USL'

By Stella C. Theriot

MEMBERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL STUDENT COUNCIL INCLUDE (L TO R) TREASURER VERONICA OSCHMANN, PRESIDENT TARIQ AL-MAASHI, SECRETARY NAILA KHALAF AND VICE PRESIDENT ALSADIQ KHALAFALLA

THE WAVES SURGE THROUGH EVERY INCH OF ONE'S BEING, AND THE REPERCUSSIONS BEWILDER THE SENSES: A SHOCK TO THE SYSTEM. USL INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS RECOGNIZE THAT AS THEIR CULTURE SHOCK.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE REALITY OF CULTURE SHOCK, THE USL INTERNATIONAL STUDENT COUNCIL WAS FORMED IN MARCH OF 1991.

The Council's objective, as stated in its constitution, is "to aid international students encountering cultural shock, provide a free cultural exchange among every segment of the university community, create an awareness of the special needs and problems of international students and promote a program designed to culturally broaden the university community."

Jo Ann Ng was president of the organization during the fall 1991 semester. Ng experienced culture shock when she first came to USL. The native of Singapore, which she described as just a large city, said when she first drove through Lafayette she thought, "Oh my gosh, this must be a really small town." After two and a half years she said she "knows better."

Ng said the International Student Council coordinates activities for all international students, but it is not only for international students.

The constitution states that membership may include any "students, faculty and administrators of USL interested in cultural promotion of the campus and community." Ng commented that American students should join the council because it is a good chance to learn about other cultures.

She said that there are so many events going on at USL with which international students could become involved. She said it saddens her to see that some students do not want to join.

"They could learn about other cultures such as the Cajuns' here. They're so friendly. It's sad for me because a lot of people don't learn," Ng said.

The most important event that the International Student Council is in charge of, Ng said, is International Week, which takes place each spring semester. She said that the council did hold a talent show in the fall semester but has discontinued it due

to lack of participation.

International Week is a week of promoting cultural awareness on the USL campus, according to Tili Doherty, International Student Council outgoing advisor. Doherty said that International Week is the council's primary activity.

Doherty, currently educational talent search counselor, said "It takes a lot of dedication," referring to the International Student Council.

Ng agreed. She said that about 800 international students were at USL in the fall of 1991, and many of them do not get involved with the council and other organizations because of their dedication to their studies.

"I feel I have a responsibility to my parents to make good grades and find a good job," Ng said. However, she said that participating in the International Student Council has helped her realize that "education is not just going to school."



Accounting Society 6

First Row: Philip Manson, Penny Maynard, Juliana Casey, Axel Vasquez, Donna Rinard, Kimberly Dugas. Second Row: Jennifer Romero, Nicole DeJean, Angel Benoit, Al Comeaux, Scott Thomas, Pamela Netter.



Agronomy Club

First Row: Todd Richared, George Mason, Lee Burras (Adv), Quentin Zaunbrecher (VP), Tim Landreneau (Pres), Donald Stemmans (Sec).



Alpha Lambda Delta

First Row: Janna Fontenot, Layne Arceneaux (Pres), Gregory Chiasson, Jason Fontenot, Carla Courville (VP), Julie Vining (Sec), Tracy Norman.



American Home Economics Association

First Row: Daphne Musso, Anita Freeland. Second Row: Candace Joubert, Gail Couvillion, Shannan Suire, Susan Sykes.



American Institute of Architecture Students 1

First Row: Jeanne Seaus (Treas), Sherrie Onken (Sec), Lisa Bourque, Dawn LaLonde. Second Row: Henry Mehrstens Jr., Dan Friedman. Third Row: Ray Boudreaux, Brandee Duhon, Billy Allain (VP), John Romero, Cory Barbien, Glenn Duhon Jr., Wyatt Plaisance.

American Institute of Architecture Students 2

First Row: Edson Davis, Chad Roper, Joseph Fong, Chee K. Siew, Dean Wild, Joe Dupre, Brian DeGravelle, Steven Courville, Jason O'Brien, Houston Hyde, Nathan Jagneaux, Ashley Derouche.



American Society of Agricultural Engineers

First Row: Dale Frederick, Glenn Turner (Pres), Sidney Bowles, Lisa Hebert, Roger Husser (Sec/Treas), Stephen Langlinais (Adv).



American Society of Civil Engineers

First Row: Kellie Thompson, Pamela Gonzales, Reem Shahin (VP), Bridget Pitre (Sec), Dana Montet. Second Row: Angela Bergeron, Boyd Simon, Steve Dronet, Chris Fuselier (Pres), Barry Nolan, Dr. Paul Richards (Adv), Becky Bryant.



American Society of Mechanical Engineers

First Row: James McBride, Michael Istre (Treas), Marie Vonderheide (Sec), Keith J. Wicker. Second Row: Robert Utley, Jose' F. Gonzalez, David Harry, Shwn Paul Hoss.



Anthropological and Archaeological Society

First Row: Michelle Williams, Erica Bammel (Sec), Helen Perilloux (VP), Denise Decuir, Davey Schmitt, Steve Lafleur, Scott Dover, Chad Nunez, David Vige', Michelle Hutchins, Vanessa Kennedy, Dwight Foreman, Tommy Bourque, Lisa Coleman, Aimee Finley (Pres), Michael Guidry.



STAFF MEMBERS SAY MAKING A POSITIVE DIFFERENCE IN SOME FRESHMEN'S PERCEPTIONS OF USL IS AMONG THE ADVANTAGES TO BEING IN THE STUDENT ORIENTATION STAFF (S.O.S.).

"The best thing about working with orientation is when a freshman first comes to USL scared to death, and after a few days leaves feeling really good about it and you know that you had something to do with it," staff member Monica Broussard said.

Several of the S.O.S. members feel the same way because when most freshmen come to USL for orientation, they are visiting the college for the first time.

"It is really important that this experience is positive," Mackie Domingue said.

Freshmen attest to the benefits of the program. "I knew nothing, and orientation gave me an idea of what to expect," freshman Stacy Sherer said.

According to Sekaran Murugaiah, orientation coordinator, the S.O.S. group leaders are chosen on a strictly volunteer basis. "They are trained to work together and are presented the facts that freshmen

need to know about USL," Murugaiah said. During the summer months, the staff is put to work manning various sessions, helping freshmen make out schedules and explaining the rules while trying to make it a fun experience for them.

"Sometimes it is a long two days for the freshmen. We do a lot of ice-breakers with them," Murugaiah said. "At the time they think that these activities are silly, but when they are sophomores or juniors they begin to understand why."

The sessions are long and tedious for the staff as well. Mental energy is zapped because of all the questions and problems with which S.O.S.s are faced.

"At the end of the session, the staff performs a skit. It is really good for them because then they get a chance to really let themselves go," Murugaiah said.

The staff does not work only on orientation. There are several other

projects and programs which thrive on S.O.S. group leader support. These programs have become an important part of integrating the freshman into USL campus life. Some of these projects include Project Second Check, in which freshmen are called during their first semester to see how things are going.

There is also Senior Day, Project F.I.N.D. (Freshman In Need of Direction), Get On Board Day and scholarship testing.

Some might wonder why someone would put in so much work without any pay. "The gratification is not immediate, but the freshmen really look up to these students," Murugaiah said.

"We learn a lot from each other too," said staff member Martha Sibille. "You get to meet and work with new people, and learn about working in a group environment without stepping on each other's toes." ⚡

By Stacy Landreth

Sending Out An S.O.S.

THE STUDENT ORIENTATION STAFF IS OUT TO SEE THAT FRESHMEN STAY AFLOAT



DANIEL LINCOLN

S.O.S. MEMBERS INCLUDE (TOP ROW, L TO R) VESA LOIKAS, WOODY COLEMAN, MIKE ORPHEY, PETER BENOIT, JAY BARRAS, JAY FRISCO, JAY RIEDL, JARMON COMEAUX, GARY MCCULLA, (MIDDLE) COORDINATOR SEKARAN MURUGAIAH, KEELY ANDREWS, MONICA BROUSSARD, DEAN MY CLARKE, KAREN THERIOT, ANITA DEROUEN, JOANN NG, SHANNON MURPHY, AARON MARTIN, RACHEL AUZENNE, SHAWN WILSON, ALISON NUESTROM, STEPHEN SCOTT, DANA PRADOS, HOLLI GUIDRY, MARTHA SIBILLE, PHYLLIS JENKINS, CHARLES WALTMAN, ANGIE HARMON, BRAD MONK, ROSE PREJEAN, JEFF GREMILLION, ALLEN CORNETT, HIGH SCHOOL RELATIONS REP. CAROLYN PARTALL, (THIRD ROW) ELISABETH WILSON, KIM GESSER, DANIELLE BIENVENU, HANNAH MOSE, KYLEEN LOWE, MELAINE MCGEE, DEBRA HACKNEY, TIM GUIDRY, PAULA TURNER, (BOTTOM ROW) KELLI VALLOT, JENNIFER CHAMPAGNE, SHANNON BECNEL, MONICA BUSWELL, MACKLYN DOMINGUE, DANA WALLACE, AIMEE POLAWSKI. NOT PICTURED: KATHY BRIGGS, EDIL CACHO, TACY BROUSSARD, THOMAS CHAMBERS, JOHANNA COLE, LORONZO MCCLAY, PAULA LONG, DOUG PALOMBO, STUART CAMPBELL, JAMIE REILLY, ANGELA STOCKSTILL.

"IN JAPAN, JUDO IS PART OF THE PHYSICAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS AS BASKETBALL OR KICKBALL ARE HERE," SAID TEAM CAPTAIN AND ASSISTANT COACH JEFF MILLER. "THE JUDO CLUB CONCENTRATES ON THE SPORTS ASPECT OF JUDO, BESIDES THE SELF-DEFENSE."

The history of the club began in 1983 when Connie Lavergne, an instructor in Health and Physical Education, came to teach at USL and formed the organization.

"She was national champion when she came to USL," Miller said. "She is a third degree black belt and the first female collegiate Judo coach in the country," he said.

According to Miller, the club does not have Intercollegiate Sports status. "We have intramural status like the waterski team, the rugby team and the soccer team," he said.

Miller said that the club competes at both the national level and the local level representing USL at six or seven tournaments a year. "Even though some of our tournaments are local, we have competed

at the Dallas Open Invitational which has Olympians and national champions from around the world competing," Miller said.

In the past two years, the club has placed first overall in the state and second in the Southern Texas Regional Championships which took place in Pasadena, Texas. Miller said that in the regional championship, the club finished behind Texas A&M. "Tulane is our biggest competition in the state," he said.

To prepare for tournaments and competitions, the club practices in the gymnastics room at Bourgeois Hall. There are, however, some advantages from which the team is kept.

"We tried to get access to sports medicine, but we were denied. It would help us compete better be-

cause they have the facilities and the training. If we could just get an hour a week in the training room it would help us cope with sprained ankle and injuries," Miller said.

Also, the team is denied funding. "We pay for everything ourselves," Miller said.

When the club is not working out, they do demonstrations for organizations both on and off campus such as the Boys Club, Upward Bound, USL Youth programs and a Get On Board Day. "We also do hand combat with the Eunice National Guard Unit," Miller said.

"People are excelling at the sport every day," Miller said. "One day, we want to be recognized as a US Collegiate Sport." ⚡



JOHN WEIMER

By Holli Lynn Guidry

Just for Kicks

THE JUDO TEAM CONTINUED TO BUILD ITS IMAGE AS A WORTHY CANDIDATE FOR USL COLLEGIATE SPORT STATUS

MEMBERS OF THE JUDO TEAM SAY THEY COULD PERFORM EVEN BETTER IF THEY WERE ALLOWED USE OF THE UNIVERSITY'S SPORTS MEDICINE FACILITIES.



Blue Key

First Row: Courtney Ramsay, Stella C. Theriot, Elizabeth Billeaud. Second Row: Lance Martin, Gregory Bodin. Third Row: William Bares (VP), Vincent P. Barras (Alumni-Sec), T. Matthew Boyington (Sec), Amanda Dunn (Pres), Ella Beth Goetschius, Pam Zetty, Meliaas Broussard.



Brainbusters 1

First Row: Kawanda L. Briley, Pamela Pujo (Treas), Tiffini Francis (Sec), Demetria Carter. Second Row: Donald Perkins, Arnold Johnson (Adv), Tyron Thornton, Kelli King (Pres), Tiffany Daniel (VP).



Brainbusters 2

First Row: Tara R. Cador, Naomi McGee, Christine Broussard, Joan Moore. Second Row: Gilbert J. Faulk, LaRone Dale, Vonetta Hypolite, Katrina Connor.



Business Administration Honor Society 1

First Row: Robert Mashburn, Karen Guidry (Pres), Brandy Hebert, Cherie Dioguardi, Kaye Crouch (Sec). Second Row: Brian Tessitore, Bryan Louviere (VP), Pat Sheffield, Daniel Dioguardi, Solon Tanos.



Business Administration Honor Society 2

First Row: Roni Jeffers, Stella C. Theriot, Laura Ortego, Rosalind Tardiff. Second Row: Shanan Bourque, Clifton Dugas, Stephanie Boudreaux, Christie Boutte, Dianna D. Touchet.

Chi Tau Epsilon

First Row: Linda Johnson (Pres), Vicki Mougeot (Treas), Sonia DeVille (Sec). Second Row: Ashley Carlin, Tiffany Bourgeois, Lynn Manuel, Tamara Stella Landry (VP).



Circle K International 1

First Row: Celeste Lemoine, Collette Miller, Julie LeBlanc (Pres), Paula Long (Treas), Anita Roberts. Second Row: Michelle Pasquier, Danielle LaGrange, Paulette Rogers (Dist Sec/Treas), Pamela Miller, Henry Boudreaux. Third Row: Nick Bourdounis, Valerie Hesse (Lt Gov), Tom Long (VP), Ryan Broussard, Dan Hare (Adv).



Circle K International 2

First Row: Annette Guillot, Victoria Setliff, Charisse August. Second Row: Twyla Domingues, Angela Robinson, Canielle Maire, Gregory Chiasson, Tanya Martinez. Third Row: Theresa Lubelski, David Bruce, Stephen Jurst, Chris Beulmay, Ray Camden, Cyndi Lejeune.



Chi Alpha

First Row: Chet McCauley, Monique Ratna Laksana, Aneka Verdin, Cindy Dugas, Melissa Edmund, Cris Broussard, Wallace Gritta, Patti Broussard. Second Row: Stanley Rachal, Kathy Welch, Ellis Lim, Luly Pulles, Mrs. Vasquex, Anabelle Treuil, Rosie Muffoletto, Axel Vasquez, Kelly Bergeron. Third Row: Edith Omindie, Carla Brown, Hershueñn Wu, Frank Perez, Eric Treuil, Eric Russo, Penny Boudreaux. Fourth Row: Frank Hsu, Anand Kodamanchilli, Mark Hammer, David Rainey, Michael Guillory, Tanja Dardeau, Valerie Clark, Katherine Schwing, Gerald Broussard.



Collegiate Secretaries International

First Row: Paula Mathews (Pres), Donna Pitt.





Communicative Disorders Honor Society

First Row: Joan Dobard, Vicki Bernard, Sandy Aguiard, Toni Stewart (Treas), Anita Turner (Pres), Monique Pazon (Sec), Debra Brown.



Council On Family Relations

First Row: Sally Ortego, Kelly Hyde (Pres), Yvette Mayeux (VP). Second Row: Dr. Janice G. Weber-Breaux (Adv), Chantel Bordelon, Michelle DeVillier, Kelly Spisak, Bridgette Romero (VP), Wendy Broussard, Lisa Luke, Leslie Fontenette (Sec), Susan Sykes.



Criminal Justice Society

First Row: Wendy Baudoin, Charisse Lee Toups (VP), Robyn Landry, Leah Vidrine, Sharon Savin (Sec). Second Row: Eric Becnel, Marcie Guidry, Augusto Villalaz, Terry Braun (Pres), Nelson Brown, Daniel Handschin, H. Michael Freeman (Treas).



Delta Sigma Pi 1

First Row: Susan Loflin (VP Activities), LaVonne Thomas, S. Vanessa Mouton (Sr. VP), Karen Duroseau. Second Row: Daphne Plummer, Tracey LaBry, Tyrone Johnson, Dwight Mouton (VP Pledge Educ), John Goss (Pres), Yale Rideau, Henry Taylor, Larry Gordon, Stephania Johnson, Pamela Netter (Sec).



Delta Sigma Pi 2

First Row: Dana Macdonell, Christie Baudoin, Angela Williams. Second Row: Randy Melancon, Cliff Gaubert, Dale Hewitt, Darwin Manuel, Andrew Erbe, David Martin, Paul Daly, Reginald Ladmirault.



Crescendo

IN A YEAR OF HONORS, PHI MU ALPHA SINFONIA GREW IN SIZE AND SPIRIT

MEMBERS OF PHI MU ALPHA SINFONIA INCLUDE (TOP ROW, L TO R) WARDEN ERROL GREIG, CHAD MALLETT, HISTORIAN BILL BARBAY, KARL TOUPS, SECRETARY CHRIS HARE, ADVISER GEORGE SPARKS, (SECOND) GERSHOM DAVIS, STEVE NELSON, MIKE RUSSO, TREASURER GEORGE UNDERWOOD, RUDY ESPINOZA, ROBBIE COURTNEY, JACQUES POURCIAU, (THIRD) ALUMNI SECRETARY CLIFFORD LOUPÉ, RONNIE GLEASON, MAXIE RICHARD, VICE PRESIDENT KEENA MANCEAUX, RUSSELL LAUGHLIN, JERRY MAPLES, (BOTTOM) RICH GASPARD, DAVID TOAL, PRESIDENT RICKY ROWAN, JIMMY HITT, JOE B. KING, JAVIER DEJESUS. NOT PICTURED: MIKE BIJOU, PETE RIZZO, TIM QUALLS, DEVIN BEARB AND BRYAN PERRIN.

By Jennifer Juneau

THIS YEAR THE USL CHAPTER OF PHI MU ALPHA SINFONIA, A MUSICAL FRATERNITY, WON TWO DISTINGUISHED AWARDS FROM THE NATIONAL OFFICE: THE DIRECTOR'S CITATION ACHIEVEMENT, WHICH PUT THE FRATERNITY IN THE TOP 10 U.S. CHAPTERS, AND THE PRESIDENT'S CITATION, WHICH PUT THE FRATERNITY IN THE TOP FIVE U.S. CHAPTERS.

President Ricky Rowan said that the awards were won because of the chapter's "membership development and achievement." He stressed that one of the primary purposes of Sinfonia is to promote American music. Rowan added that the fraternity encourages loyalty to the alma mater, fosters a brotherhood to students of music, develops a fraternal spirit among members and promotes an awareness enrichment of music to all people.

The 31-member organization sponsored an annual American music week in the spring along with Sigma Alpha Iota, USL's female music fraternity. During the week, Sinfonia hosted concerts from different musical ensembles on campus, Rowan said.

In the summer, Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia held their annual convention, the Triennial Assembly in New Orleans with Dave Grusin, a U.S. composer and musician, as the Man of Music. Rowan explained that the chapters in Louisiana hosted the convention.

"The USL chapter took an active role in helping to run it," Rowan said. He added that the chapter served on panels and attended a series of workshops and concerts. One member of the chapter, Rudy Espinosa, played in a jazz concert at the convention.

Rowan would like people to know that Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia is more than just a music club.

"We'd like to be seen as a service organization at USL and in Lafayette," he said. "We're open to anyone with an interest in music."

Although one-third of the fraternity is made up of non-music majors, Rowan explained that most members are involved in music ensembles in one way or another. The fraternity is made up of both vocal and instrumental musicians, including guitar players.

Pledges of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia, or the probationary class as it's called, are required to compose a small original piece of music.

"It can be a simple song or an instrumental piece," Rowan said. New

members must also work on a project of getting all members to sign a paddle.

"This is a tradition," Rowan said. "The purpose is to get them [new members] to work together." Rowan added that it also allows them to get to know older members.

This year the fraternity sang for the Follett's Teachers Christmas Party, the Walk of Fame Ceremony, the Miss USL Pageant and the March of Dimes. They also went Christmas caroling at area nursing homes.

Rowan says that the fraternity plans to sponsor an area high school concert band festival and a new composer recital.

George Sparks, USL's band director, is Sinfonia's sponsor. Other members of the fraternity include Keenan Manceaux, vice president; Chris Hare, secretary; George Underwood, treasurer; Brett Darb, historian; Clifford Loupe, alumni secretary; and Errol Grieg, warden. ■



Future Farmers of America

First Row: Gretchen Zaunbrecher, Chad Aucoin (Pres), Shane Theall, Cliff Dronet. Second Row: Sidney Bowles, Donald Leonards. Third Row: Alan DeRamus (Adv), Roger Husser, Glenn Turner, Dale Frederick, Glenn McCall, Lee Schexnaider, Nasav Alwahaibi, Stephen Langlinais (Adv), Lisa Hebert.



Gamma Beta Phi 1

First Row: Pamela Sargent (Rec Sec), Marie Vonderheide (Pres), Pam Zetty (Corrs Sec). Second Row: Melinda Hebert, Layne Arceneaux, Michele Murphy, Dayle Guillory. Third Row: Renetta Jo Ripple, Tiffany LeBoeuf, Marty Ohlenforst, Scott Meche, Lori Brown, Paula Bower.



Gamma Beta Phi 2

First Row: Melissa Nelson, Cheri Chaplin, Monica Matt, Stella Theriot, Troy Broussard, Cheri Rouquette, Janine Thibodeaux (Sec).



Gospel Choir 1

First Row: LaRhonda Smith, Yolondis Gilmore, Deadera Broussard (Treas), Thelma Thompson, Kim Jones, Lenita Louis. Second Row: Michelda Braxton, Carina Moore, Lolanda Guy, Michelle Archangel (Pres), Rolanda Levine, Faith Jennell Dunn.



Gospel Choir 2

First Row: Heidi Purcell, Tiffany Alfred, Rachelle Phillips (Sec), Nechelle Syrie, Shundreka Allums. Second Row: Rasheek Johnson, Chad Wimbly, John Griffin (Dir), Michael Thibeaux, Adrica Batise.

Honors Board

First Row: Vincent P. Barras (Sec), Amanda Dunn (Pres), Jennifer Moy. Second Row: Dr. Patricia Rickels, Chad LaComb, Jude Meche, Marc Hebert, T. Matthew Boyington.



Horticulture Club

First Row: Karen Broussard, Heather Brecher (VP). Second Row: Heath Byers, Jim Schiff, Christine Quebedeaux (Pres), Quinn Hebert, Susan Ludwig.



Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers

First Row: David Keating, Robert Chachere, Diane Primeaux, Clay Nichols, Steve Vonderheide, John Pritchard.



International Food Service Executives Association

First Row: Therese Lukaszek, Michelle Sorrel, Jennifer Brasseaux (Pres). Second Row: Jeff James, Jared Davis, David Borque (VP), Randall Menard (Sec), Kathryn Holt, Charisse Campbell.



Judo Club

First Row: Connie Lavergne (Coach), Scott Moore (VP), Vareck Self (Treas), Michael St. Julien (Sec), Jeff Miller (Pres), Nathan Jackson.



MEMBERS OF THE UNION PROGRAM COUNCIL INCLUDE (TOP L TO R) TIM SPEARS, TIM GUIDRY, STEPHEN SCOTT, AARON MARTIN, MARK DAIGLE, DAN HARE, ADVISER STUART JOHNSON, (BOTTOM) JOANN NG, MARHTA SIBILLE, ANNIE FUSILIER, STACY DARTEZ, ROSE PREJEAN, ANITA DEROUEN, ALISON QUESTROM, JOHANNA COLE AND PRESIDENT HOLLI LYNN GUIDRY. NOT PICTURED: ADVISER CONNIE ELMORE, ADVISER LISA LANDRY, RACHEL AUZENNE.



By Stacy Landreth

UPC PROGRAMMED A VARIETY OF SUCCESSFUL EVENTS, BUT NONE MORE IMPORTANT THAN ITS REPROGRAMMING OF ITSELF

Getting With The Program

GRAINS OF RICE FLEW THROUGH THE AIR AS HUNDREDS OF STUDENTS WAITED IMPATIENTLY IN A LONG LINE ONE MIDNIGHT. THEY FOUND THEMSELVES DRENCHED IN EVERYTHING FROM WATER TO SHAVING CREAM WAITING FOR THE *ROCKY HORROR PICTURE SHOW*.

Watching the infamous cult film that cool October night — the night before Halloween — was free for all students that night. And the movie presentation, which featured the student actors simulating the action on the screen, was just one of the events that the Union Program Council sponsors for students, faculty and administration.

UPC, as it is known, is responsible for many of the events most students take for granted — events like Homecoming, Lagniappe Day, Regin Roar, Eyes Wide Open and Colorblind and the Miss USL Pageant. They're also responsible for many of the wild and crazy events many students overlook. Those events include "You Laugh You Lose," a game show in which students won cash prizes for keeping a straight face, "Fun Flicks," a video



African American Culture Committee

First Row: Roxanne St. Julien, *Chairman* Rose Prejean, Marlene Johnson, Cheryl Robertson. Second Row: Tiffany Alfred, Joann Roberts, Bridget Henry, Polly Etienne, Alishia Thierry, Alfredia Miniex, Sherri Fisher, Jolanda Kent, Karen Robertson, Christinabelle Broussard, Andrea Guillory, Karima Crawford. Second Row: Kerry Vallery, Emmanuel Narcisse, Frank Smith, Carl Williams, Advisor Stuart Johnson, Charles Hobbs, Saba Kla-Williams, Alonzo McClay, Shawn Macon.



Entertainment Committee

First Row: Michael Rachal, Shaun Macon, Ryan Shelton. Second Row: *Chairman* Anita DeRouen, Annette Francis, Halaysia McCoy, Tracie Holloway, JoAnne Robert.

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Homecoming Committee

First Row: Kellie Thompson, Kim Whitty, Jennifer Primeaux, Rachael Marchand, Laura Gilbert. Second Row: *Chairman Tim Guidry*, Stephanie Bekee, Bill Barbay, Tim Waters, Beau Kron.



Lagniappe Committee

First Row: Walter Johnson, Tom Davies, Valerie Hesse, Jennifer Primeaux, *Chairman Alison Neustrom*, Lesh Hebert. Second Row: Maurice mayeux, Monique Palmisano, Keely Andrews, Sheila Romero, Nicole C. Hebert, Shannon Murphy, Jay Riedl.



Special Events Committee

First Row: Jill Johnson, Ann Fusilier, Michael Johnson, Laura Fontaine, *Chairman Stephen Scott*, Patrice Myer, Laura Ortego.



Spirit Committee

First Row: Patrice Myer, Daria Madden, *Chairman Annie Fuselier*, Janine Thibodeaux. Second Row: Lorrie Driscoll, Michael Johnson, Todd Kleinpeter.



Travel Committee

First Row: Francisco Chavarria, Phuoc Pham. Second Row: Laura Broussard, Rocki Williams, *Chairman Johanna Cole*, Nicki Deal, TraceAnn Fontenot.



production facility where students became stars of music videos and the wacky "Easter Keg Hunt." This year the council also sponsored a number of trips, hung flags in the union of every nation represented at USL by students and programmed extensively for Black History Month. And all of that was the tip of the iceberg.

According to UPC President

HolliLynn Guidry, "We have grown in the minds of USL students. They are more aware of most of the things that we sponsor. More people attend the events as well as join the committees." Guidry added, "Our attendance at all events has increased since last year."

According to Guidry, the purpose of the council is simple. "We

program events for students to participate in and have fun while doing it. Students can join UPC or attend the events," Guidry said. "It is open to everyone."

"The council is constantly making improvements. We have not gone backwards on anything this year. Everything is moving in a positive direction," Guidry said. She did add though that they could always use more committee involvement from students.


By most counts, Union Program Council has had a great year. Most of their projects had good attendance and came off without a hitch. Guidry believes that this was because of the way that the council was able to work together, listen to new ideas and to each other.

Guidry said an example of this cooperation included the council work in its extensive revision of its committee system. These renovations could come only after amending the UPC bylaws.

"Anita DeRouen and Aaron Martin worked together and revised the bylaws," Guidry said. "I was very impressed with the work they did because I know it took a lot of time and effort on their part."

According to Guidry, after the bylaws were presented to the council, other council members worked with DeRouen and Martin to make changes and create a UPC all could approve.

"Instead of complaining about what was presented, council members told Aaron and Anita what they did and did not like and compromises were made by both parties. That is what I call working together and achieving a true goal," she said.

Changes to the committee system include the addition of the "Style" committee, which will take the place of the old fashion committee and will take on the Miss USL Pageant as one of its programs. The UPC also added a Public Relations committee, a World Culture committee and a "Holidays" committee which will handle some travel and some limited entertainment. 



Kuwait Student Association

First Row: Bader Mahmoud, Hamad Al-Zuabi, Mubarak Al-Mutairi. Second Row: Tariq Al-Maashi, Bader Al-Qallaf, Basim Al-Rowaih, Meshal Al-Dhamen, Ebrahim Al-Fassam, Walid Al-Wasmi, Bader Al-Azemi, Abdullah Al-Azmi, Bander Al-Mutairi.



Law Club 1

First Row: Annie Fuselier (Pres), Lee Blackwell, Janine Thibodeaux, Mary K. Thomas, Emma Jones (Sec). Second Row: Antwoine Davis, Keith Dauphiney, Michael Lindsey-Rice, Lance Recile (VP), Robert Mashburn (Treas).



Law Club 2

First Row: Charisse Lee Touts, Catherine Hensgems, Tory Harvey, Ann Sawtelle, Angie DeRouen. Second Row: Clifton Dugas, Michael LaVergne, Shawn Hebert, Scott Frost, Kearney Stakes II.



Louisiana Engineering Society

First Row: Tuong Vi Pham (Sec), Diane Primeaux, Kellie Thompson (Pres), Tina Poirrier. Second Row: Chris Fuselier, Alfred Nothafft, Chad Thibodeaux, Marie Vonderheide, Boyd Simon (Treas), Dr. Paul Richards (Adv).



Love Alive Christian Fellowship

First Row: Tiffany Alexander, Felicia Barfield (Sec), Hannah Mose. Second Row: Evonne Lazare, Avis Snearl, Jimmy Fleming Jr. (Pres), Michael Chaney, Charley Hall Jr., Melanie Gant.

Malaysian Student Association

First Row: Yew Chuan Oon, Poh Wah Lai, Keat May Foo, Chai Seang Ee, Sin Khoon Tan.



National Society of Black Engineers

First Row: Lena James, Jerry Sowell (VP), Arris Turner, Chad Davis, Rose L. Breau, Joseph S. Williams Jr., Adlai Charles, Tracey Biagas, Cedric T. Coco (Pres), Alicia McInnis, Terry Sowell, Yvette M. Coco (Sec).



National Student Speech Language and Hearing Association

First Row: Monique Pazon, Shelley Rankin, Alicia McInnis (Pres), Vicki Bernard (Treas), Sandy Aguiard, Debra Brown, Toni Stewart, Anita Turner, Joan Dobard.



Newman Club

First Row: Elisha Chautin, Gay Bernard (Sec), Janice Hector. Second Row: Roger Gamboa, Vincent P. Barras. Third Row: Rachel Whittington, Mary Lemanczyk, Andree' Parton (Pres), Rusty Miller (VP), Jay Johnson, Michael Guidry, Bobby Dupuis.



Phi Alpha Theta

First Row: Dianne Walker, John Keeling, Vincent P. Barras (Pres), Carl Garbarino, Jill Crooks (VP).



CHAMBER ENSEMBLE, OR AMUS 250, IS LISTED IN USL'S SCHEDULE OF CLASSES AS A MWF CLASS PERIOD WITH ONE CREDIT HOUR. THE CLASS IS ALSO KNOWN AS USL'S SHOW CHOIR, OR "THE USL SOUNDS."

JAMES HAYGOOD, WHO CAME TO USL FROM INDIANA, BEGAN THE SHOW CHOIR IN 1990, ONLY HIS SECOND YEAR ON THE FACULTY.

Southwest Mardi Gras Ball representatives in Lafayette requested a performing musical group. Haygood, having prior experience with such, pulled a group together. From one performance at the ball to the next, he grew USL's show choir.

Haygood said that the group includes both music majors and non-majors. Members of the group are class members, but they are required to go through an audition of sorts, he said.

Pete Rizzo III, student director of the group, said that the audition is not a full vocal audition.

"It consists of five to ten minutes of talking to Mr. Haygood," Rizzo said. He said that potential members do sing and perform a short dance sequence for Haygood, however, no prior experience is necessary.

The most important thing Haygood looks for, Rizzo said, is "a desire and a willingness to work hard" because there are many extra hours spent outside the classroom.

Haygood said that a basic

ability to sing is sought, but "dedication and desire to perform," are the more important factors.

The USL Sounds has performed at the Mardi Gras ball each year since its inception. Besides that, the group presents at least one major production each semester. In 1991, the group presented "The USL Sounds Showcase 5," an event in Angelle Hall.

The group presented dinner-theatre productions and concerts. They also performed at high schools around the state and Senior Day at USL, using their performance as a recruiting tool for USL.

The group also performed at Mayor Dud Lastrapes' Christmas party. In a letter received from the mayor's office, the Sounds were hailed as, "Superb! Fantastic!"

Haygood said that the choir is career preparation for some students. "We just had a student leave here this semester who has a job at Opryland," Haygood said. He continued that another student had

worked at Astroworld.

For students who plan to teach, USL's show choir provides the opportunity for learning all the technical aspects as well as performance, he added.

"And then the overwhelming majority of students who are in the group, or at least a large majority, are kids who like to sing and dance and just have fun," Haygood said.

The group now boasts a membership of about 30, sharply contrasting its numbers of less than 10 in the beginning.

But, according to the director, numbers aren't what's really important.

"We're doing a real service for the university [by] putting a very positive image forward, I think," Haygood said.

"Our shows are very well received both by adults and young people," Haygood continued. He said that the choir sings pieces that a wide variety of people can enjoy. ■

On a Good Note



'SUPERB! FANTASTIC!'

USL SOUNDS:

NOT THE SAME OLD

SONG AND DANCE

By Stella C. Theriot

MEMBERS OF USL SOUNDS INCLUDE (TOP L TO R) PETE RIZZO, YVETTE LANDRY, KODY BOWEN, JIM KEATING, MYRA SAVOIE, JUAN BARNEY, KATHY POOLER, HENRIETTE BODIN, (MIDDLE) STEVE BYRD, MELISSA LYONS, DAWN WYBLE, TIFFANY LEBOEUF, DARREN HAYGOOD, (BOTTOM) JACQUES POURCIAU, MONICA BUSWELL, MICHAEL CASTER, MARY HOWARD, RICHARD ROWAN, SONYA WEBSTER, KATHY DIXON. NOT PICTURED: DIRECTOR JAMES HAYGOOD, PIANIST BRYAN FERRIN, NIKI CROWLEY, MIKE BIJOU.

Pi Epsilon Tau

First Row: Reza Arfin, Hansel Davis (Pres), Bjoernar Tjoenn (VP), Hafizur Rahman, Don Ringe.



Pi Sigma Epsilon 1

First Row: Greg Mann, Troy Hargroder, Joanna Dickey, Gary Hollier, Chris Torres, Steven Guidry.
Second Row: Robert Bennett, Kyle Kilchrist, Robby Smith, Paul Schneider, Ronnie Emonet.



Pi Sigma Epsilon 2

First Row: Jill Ethridge, Wendy Rosato, Christi Guilbeaux, Amy Savoie, Melissa Armstrong. Second Row: Jeff Stokes, Sandy Guidry, Jeri Jackson, Amy Landry, Daryl Lanclos, Paula Bower.



Pi Sigma Epsilon 3

First Row: Dan Mogerman, Glen Denehie, San Liu, Scott Becker, Robert McCluer, Shawn Douglas, Brad Price. Second Row: Paul Carreker, Stephen Gauthier, J.B. Prudhomme, S. Patrick Janise II, David Koffskey.



Pi Tau Sigma

First Row: Bert Randazzo (VP), Kimberly Hayes (Pres), Tony Billeaud, Chris D. Morgan.





Political Science Society

First Row: Michael Magee (VP), Charles Alcocer (Pres), Bill Duncan (Sec/Treas).



Pre-Med Society

First Row: Amie Breaux, Sherri Zeringue, Leslie Jacobs, Wendy Lankford (Sec). Second Row: Matt Abraham, Shane Matt (Pres), Ed Lafleur, Todd Labbe.

Third Row: Louis Corne, Jeff Brown, Shaminder Gupta, Kevin Blanchard, James Godchaux Jr., Skipper Bertrand (VP), Mike Hindelang, Richie Thibodeaux, Donney Goutierrez, Terry Ham, Sean Shannon, R.J. Pesson (Treas), Kimberly Woodall, Joe Abraham M.D. (Prof. Avd).



Professional Fashion Merchandising Association

First Row: Hope Hayes, Becky Huval (VP). Second Row: Charee LeBlanc (Pres), Amy Savoie (Treas), Renee Blasingame, Sharleen Osborne, Roxanne Speer, Rania Gharzeddin.



Psi Chi

First Row: Julie LeBlanc, Heith Copes, Sandra Mixon, Ed Boudreaux, Barbara Ray.



Public Relations Student Society of America

First Row: Tara Breaux, Judy Guillot, Diana Lennon, Brian Atkinson, Theresa Lubelski, Jennifer Champagne.

Residence Halls - Baker-Huger

First Row: Leslie Hidalgo, Stacy Sutherland, Laura Theriot, Shannon Murphy (House Dir), Tanya Hardy.



Residence Halls - Bancroft

First Row: Dawn Menard, Chieu Jill Vu, Rebekah Richardson, Keely Andrews. Second Row: Dean Todd Mouton, Crystal Woodland, Lisa Gonzales, Elayne Lafayette, Jackie Ceaser (Area Coor), Kelly Ann Tobin.



Residence Halls - Bonin

First Row: Hannah Mose, Connie Lasage (Asst. House Dir), Jennifer Primeaux, Lisa Thomas. Second Row: Dawn Boudreaux, Johanna Cole, Alison Neustrom (House Dir), Tiffany Batiste.



Residence Halls - Denbo

First Row: Amie Murray, Tracey LaBry, Katherine Rome (Asst. House Dir), Wendy Duplechin (House Dir). Second Row: Abby Temple, Sarah Hamilton, Erin Angelico, Dean Todd Mouton, Verlecia Self, Roxanne Boullard (Grad. Asst), Jackie Ceaser (Area Coor).



Residence Halls - Evangeline

First Row: Nicette Short (House Dir), Tiffany Bourgeois, Anita DeRouen.



"If I had a legacy to leave behind, it would be for the organization to [continue to] exist," said Seth Brown, president of the USL chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

According to Brown, only about 35 members of the NAACP are really active. Brown said the relatively new campus group was chartered in the spring 1991 semester.

Getting the group started was "not an easy task." Brown said there was even opposition from existing black organizations who thought that the group's existence would be overkill.

Brown began the movement to charter an NAACP chapter at USL after he was approached by a friend of his family who was heavily involved with the organization. He said that he believed the group represented the "foothold of the civil rights movement."

The group grew from another group of business majors who were doing surveys in reference to residence hall policies. With permission from Dean Mary McPhaul, they held a couple of well-attended forums.

On July 11, 1991, 30 names

were chartered nationally with the NAACP.

Brown said that the name, NAACP is outdated. However, the basic goals are the same as when the organization was founded in 1906.

Those goals are to remove any racial criterion from any public sectors, and to enhance the African-American community as well as other minorities. The organization also informs the public of political items of interest to minorities.

The USL chapter held several fundraisers during their first year, Brown said. A carwash and a t-shirt sale helped defray administrative costs.

The group's biggest event was the anti-David Duke rally held in the Quad during in the fall. About 400

people attended the event. Besides the Lafayette media, T.V. stations from Lake Charles and Baton Rouge covered the rally. Brown said he was "thrilled" to have such a great turnout.

According to Brown, some of the members attended the national convention in Houston last year. He said that the Student Government Association allotted funds for the convention, but the funds did not quite cover everything.

"We had to sink into our own pockets for the rest of it," he said.

Brown said he has high hopes for the organization. He said that the group should go far if their motto holds true.

There motto: "As far as our dreams will take us." ⚡

Traveling on a Dream



**USL's NAACP
EARNED A NATIONAL
CHARTER AND PLEDGED
TO MOVE FORWARD**

By Stella C. Theriot

NAACP MEMBER INCLUDE (TOP L TO R) PRENTISS WALKER, SHAUN T. MACOW, VICE PRESIDENT YALE RIDEAU, GEORGE RICKS, LYNEL F. WILSON JR., PRESIDENT SETH BROWN, ALLISON N. BAKER, AVIS L. SNEAR, ADVISOR DAVID M. CHRETIEN, (BOTTOM) ALTON ROBERTSON, ANNETTE MATHEWS, TREASURER RHONDA ROBINSON, CHANEL ROBINSON, SECRETARY HANNAH MOSE, KINDALE ALLEN, ANGELE BATISTE, MICHAEL MALVEAUX, DEMETRIAL WARNER.

THE NEWSPAPER'S EDITOR
REPORTS ON THE FIRST
AMENDMENT, HARD WORK
AND BEING A PACEMAKER

by Lisa Traylor



VERMILION STAFF MEMBERS INCLUDE (TOP L TO R) ELIZABETH MCGUIRE, HOLLI GUIDRY, PAUL ANGELLE, SHAWN CASTRILLO, MARGO ALLELO, JOHN GISCLAIR, KEVIN DERAMUS, DAVID PAUL, EDITOR LISA TRAYLOR, FRANCINE THIBODEAUX, JENNIFER JUNEAU, STACY DARTEZ, STEPHANIE FOURNET, NICOLE MCDANIEL, TARA RICHARD, ELLA CROCHET. NOT PICTURED: ADVISER RICHARD BAUDOUIN, MICHAEL ALLEMAN, HELEN BALENSEIFEN, MARK BOLOGNA, STEPHEN BROUSSARD, PATRICIA CHAMBERS, CHUCK FISHER, TINA FUSELIER, BILLY GUNN, GAZETTE JOSEPH, TOM JUBB, KENDRA KILCHRIST, TRENT MYERS, RENEE ORY, NOLAN PELLERIN, MAGGIE PERRODIN, BLAKE STEPHENS, KATHRYN TERRELL, ALLEN ULRICH, JAMES VAILLE, THERESA YORK, DAVID ZILAFRO

Freedom of The Vermilion

AMERICA CELEBRATED THE 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BILL OF RIGHTS IN 1991. AS A JOURNALISTIC BODY, *THE VERMILION* STAFF IS ABLE TO FUNCTION BECAUSE OF THE FIRST AMENDMENT. IT MAKES IT POSSIBLE FOR US TO TELL YOU THE NEWS WITHOUT CENSORSHIP.

Just think, who would have told you about the university's purchase of the Heymann estate, or that Montgomery Hall was closed temporarily because people had allergic reactions to it, or that the building housing handicapped services didn't have an elevator? Where else would you have had the place to express your personal views on the governor's race, whether pro-Duke or No Duke? If *The Verm* hadn't told you, would you have known about the UFOs landing in the Quad or USL becoming "LSU-L?" Oh wait, that didn't really happen. That was *The Vermin*.

Several times during the past year, I have written editorials about the watchdog role of the paper — not just *The Verm*, but any paper. This is the thing journalists hold as their duty — to inform the public of the conduct of public officials and to let the public know the business in which the officials are participating. This includes SGA, UPC or any of the administrators.

Probably the biggest debate of the year, relations between SGA Presi-

dent John Morgan and *The Vermilion's* editorial staff, centered on this issue.


The staff has worked hard this year to let students know the truth. It has been dedicated to journalistic practices and to freedom of information. *The Vermilion* has tackled the issues of dorm conditions, acquaintance rape, misappropriations of student fees and access to crime reports. Staff members do not always agree on issues, but they do respect the opinions of others. In fact, respect for other people's opinions is a prerequisite for a reporter.

The hard work began to bear fruit near the end of the year with evidence of the paper's growing readability and credibility on campus. A study conducted during the summer by USL graduate student Jack Duncan showed that more than 97 percent of students surveyed (405 or 417) read the campus newspaper. More than 71 percent said they believed the stories they read are reported accurately.

For the staff, this means that students notice and appreciate their

work, but they are not alone. I had the great honor of accepting the staff's national Pacemaker award from the Associated Collegiate Press in November at the 1991 National Collegiate Media Convention Program in Denver, Colo. The Pacemaker Award is college journalism's top prize given by the Associated Collegiate Press.

The Vermilion was a Southeast regional finalist, along with Auburn University, the University of Miami and Emory University. It was selected from more than 80 newspaper submitted by college staffs from across the United States. *The Vermilion* competed in a division consisting of four-year universities with non-daily papers from the 1990-91 school year, when *The Vermilion* was under the editorship of Leslie Turk.

This award was the culmination of a rewarding year for the staff whose sense of camaraderie and loyalty rivals that of family members. Each staff member's curiosity and fascination with the quest for truth leads all of us to band together in order to find the facts behind the stories on campus. 



Residence Halls - Harris

First Row: Anne-Scott Bahlinger, Caprice Doby
(House Dir), Monica Broussard.



Residence Halls - McCullough

First Row: Arnold Johnson (Area Coor), Eric Becnel,
Mark Daigle, Lance Thomas, Thomas Jubb, Michael
D. Rachal, James Theriot.



Residence Halls - Rose Garden

First Row: Dawn Boudreaux, Stacy Sutherland,
Connie Lasage, Lisa Thomas, Jennifer Primeaux.

Second Row: Anne-Scott Bahlinger, Monica
Broussard, Caprice Doby, Tiffany Bourgeois, Johanna
Cole. Third Row: Alison Neustrom, Tiffany Batiste,
Leslie Hidalgo, Anita DeRouen, Roxanne Boullard,
Shannon Murphy, Tanya Hardy, Hannah Mose.



Residence Halls - Voorhies

First Row: Shawn Wilson (House Dir), Jason Thayer,
Ross Dooley (Asst. House Dir), Arnold Johnson (Area
Coor), Jarmon Comeaux, Matt Callahan, Atwood
Coleman Jr.



Residence Hall Association 1

First Row: Tiffany Slan (Sec), Agnes Campbell (Pres),
Gena Vincent (Treas). Second Row: Marlene Johnson,
Stefanie Thibodaux, H. Michael Freeman, Donald
Perkins, Kimberly D. Lewis, Lyndell Pittman, Arnold
Johnson (Adv).

Residence Hall Association 2

First Row: Lena James, Stacey Vernon, Bridget Buckley. Second Row: Annette Guillot, Michael Guidry, Irvin Hayes, Donna Fontenot, Terry David Manuel, Billy Voltaire, Collette Miller.



Rotaract

First Row: Tracey Biagas, Arris Turner, Julia Coward. Second Row: Emma Jones (Sec), Glade Hebert, Chad Aucoin (Treas), David Bourque (Pres), Michelle Sorrel, Cricket Reddy.



Sigma Alpha Iota

First Row: Yvette Weber, Kim Manuel, Leigh Ellender. Second Row: Karen Patin, Dawn Wyble, Caryn DeLuca, Stacey Leneck, Heather Cole, Rachel Romatz, Kristine Meinerz.



Sigma Gamma Mu 1

First Row: Melissa Boudreaux, Annemarie Plylar (VP), Bernadette Sanamo (Sec), Kevin Fauchaux, Richard Tullous. Second Row: Jose Fventes, Terrence Dupuy (PR), Jonathan Powers (Pres), Kevin Briggs, Melissa Comardelle.



Sigma Gamma Mu 2

First Row: Nasha Kubelka, Lou Labbe, Brenda Trahan, Roxanne Boullard. Second Row: Joann Ng, Mary Guilbeau, Peter Benoit, Melissa Duplantis, Tobin DeVille.





The Big Three
(L to R) Treasurer Adonis Expose',
President John Paul Morgan, and
Vice President Aaron Martin

By Trent Myers

A TURBULENT YEAR INVOLVED FALLS FOR RACE RELATIONS AND LIFTS FOR THE HANDICAPPED

The Trouble with SGA

RACIAL CONTROVERSIES PLAGUED SGA DURING THE EARLY PART OF 1991. PRESIDENT JOHN MORGAN WAS VIOLENTLY ASSAULTED WHEN HE TOOK THE STAGE IN THE STUDENT UNION AT GRAMBLING UNIVERSITY IN FEBRUARY. HE WAS TO ADDRESS THE ISSUE OF CULTURAL RACIALISM. MORGAN WAS UNHURT AND QUICKLY WHISKED AWAY AND KEPT SAFE IN AN AUTOMOBILE UNTIL THINGS SETTLED DOWN.

Racial accusations dominated the agenda of SGA's own meetings in March, according to *The Vermilion*. Senators discussed the request of \$500 for the campus chapter of the National Society of Black Engineers. The group's request was to help fund NSBE Junior Day for local high school minority students. The senate, after discussing the request, awarded only \$200 to the group.

At the following week's meeting, SGA President John Morgan charged the senate with racism. In his defense of NSBE, he reported that many of the senators had told him privately that by not awarding the entire amount requested, the senate was being racist.

Donnie Courville, president of the Society of Engineering, countered that it did not make sense to "double spend" because NSBE was invited to participate in the March 15 Engineering Day. That event was open to high school students of all



**Agriculture and
Human Resources**
President Glenn Turner, Senator
Susan Ludwig



Art and Architecture
President Stanley Hilton, Senator
Dean Wild



Arts, Humanities and Behavioral Sciences
Senator Shannon Murphy, President Michelle St. Pierre, Senator
Nicette Shori, Senator Shana Constable.

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Business

Jim Angers, President
(and Senate Chairman)
Mark Carlson, Senator
John Briley



Education

Senator Catherine
Stemmans, Senator
Brooke Bailey,
President Martha
Sibille, Senator
Bently Turner



Engineering

Senator Leah Barret, Senator
Nathaniel Thomas, President
Marie Vonderheide



Freshman Delegation
Kevin Cox, Renee Soileau,
Jim George, Christebelle
Broussard



General Studies

President Jay Barras, Senator Sandi Grivat,
Senator Ruben LeBlanc, Senator Ella Crochet,
Senator Joey Dupuis

Nursing

Senator Rose Prejean, President
Tracy Norman, Senator Verlecia Self



Graduate School
Dawn Vogelsang

Sciences

Senator Banyon Tuminello,
Senator Cythnia Kinsland,
President Clark Gradney



ances. Despite Morgan's charges the award remained at \$200.

Despite the controversy, SG did have time for tending to the interests of students. Though admitting that he did not keep a record every good deed he had done during 1991, one that Morgan did give a count of was his involvement in improving services for handicapped students.

"I have a whole box of plaques," he said, "but the one for handicapped, that's my beacon."

Morgan and the SGA were instrumental in getting university monies to improve campus access for handicapped students. As a result of persuasive appeals, incline walkways were laid across the middle of Hebrard Boulevard and wheelchair ramp into Burke Hall was constructed. The senate also approved the installation of a \$2,700 elevator lift for the escort van.

In April students went to the polls and re-elected the "Big Three": Morgan, Aaron Martin, vice president, and Adonis Exposé, treasurer.

Morgan said that during his two terms of office he has brought student government to the attention of students. He's also gotten a little attention for himself. Ended his year as a student representative on the Board of Trustees in August. He took the student seat on the Board of Regents in October.

"A lot of times the students on the board [of Regents] are very docile and quiet and, by the time they learn everything, it's time for them to give up their position. I went right from the Board of Trustees to the Board of Regents, which is a great accomplishment to me. I feel fulfilled because I've really taken many opportunities to the limit."

He said that serving on the boards has not only made him privy to "first-hand knowledge," but has also given him an opportunity to serve students of other universities.





Society for the Advancement of Management

First Row: Joel Price (VP), Marty LeBlanc (Sec), John P. Briley (Pres), Mark Daigle (Treas).



Society of Petroleum Engineers

First Row: Craig Conzelmann (Sec), Amie Smith, Tonya Gournay, Don Ringe, Reza Arfin. Secnd Row: Marcelia Breaux (Treas), Hansel Davis, Gerard Roger (Pres), Bjoernar Tjoenn, Tina Poirrier, Hafizur Rahman, Javier D Cadena (VP).



Sociological Society

First Row: Chantel Bordelon (VP), Dr. Kathleen H. Sparrow (Adv), Pamela Smith (Pres). Second Row: Anitra Smith, Scott Frost. Third Row: Wendy Baudoin, Patrice Myer, Heith Copes, David Vige', Danielle Price, Kaye Suire.



Southwestern Association of Student Nurses

First Row: Rebecca Delahoussaye, Krista Bretz (Treas), Don Fontenot, Cherrie Sellers (Adv), Melissa Gad (Adv), Genie Ford (Pres), Gaylyn McGlauchlin.



Speech and Debate Team

First Row: Lisa Grills (Pres), Amy Andrews (Captain). Second Row: Scott Johnston (VP), Dawn Boudreaux (Sec), Cliff Aucoin (Adv), Christi Olivier, Roy Petitfils.

Stockman's Association

First Row: Gretchen Zaunbrecher (Sec/Treas), Chad Aucoin, Shane Theall. Second Row: Glenn Turner, Donald Leonards. Third Row: Dale Frederick, Roger Husser, Glenn McCall, Lee A. Schexnaider, Alan DeRamus (Adv), Nasar Alwahaibi, Cliff Dronet, Sidney Bowles.



Student Dietetic Association

First Row: Imelda Boudreaux (VP), Susan Charlesworth, Vickie Babin. Second Row: Therese Lukaszewski, Rachel Fournet (Adv), Melissa Armatta (Pres). Third Row: Linda Douglas (Sec), Danielle Dupuis, JoAnn Arceneaux, Gay Bernard, Melissa Broussard, David Bourque, Charisse Campbell, Cathy Landry, Stephanie Bruce.



Student Paramedic Association

First Row: Channing Abshire (Sec/Treas), Dawn Carter, Kris LaFleur, Bryan Marcell, Kenneth Stelly, Darrell Guidry. Second Row: Chuch Borres, Kem Dwyer, Michael Prather (VP), John Toups, Derek Robichaux.





Tau Sigma Delts

First Row: Joseph Fong, Ray Boudreaux, John Romero, Edson Davis (Sec), Billy Allain (Pres), Sherrie Onken, Brian Degravelle (Treas), Chad Roper, Cory Barbier.



Teams

First Row: Kristine Matirne (VP), Clay Nichols Jr. (Treas), Robert Chachere, Huey Stevens (Sec), David Keating.



Wes Club

First Row: Melissa Edwards, Shelley Istre (Treas), Christi Chauvin (Sec), Julie Coghill. Second Row: B.J. Strozier, David Martin (Pres), Ellen Weaver. Third Row: Rev. Don Ross, Ramona Shelby, Jeffrey Stokes, Richard Sarver, Kenneth Miller, Hamilton Burleigh (VP), Glenn Turner.

AKA

ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA

On a rainy evening in mid-March, more than half of the members of AKA were involved in a six-car pileup.

The group was on their way to the home of their adviser, traveling in a caravan of six cars, when one of the AKA cars had to stop behind a truck, which had stalled on the road. Another motorist, weaving in and out of traffic, failed to see the stopped AKA car and slammed into its rear. Four more AKA cars crashed into that car — "like dominoes," according to sorority treasurer Roxanne Boullard. Two of the cars were totaled.

"We were all without transportation after that," Boullard said.

The accident did not affect the sorority's academic performance, however. The groups spring semester GPA gave them a respectable second place among Greek groups and in the fall its 3.179 ranked it number one.

During Greek Escapade, AKA teamed up with Kappa

Alpha and Kappa Delta to present a skit of "Greeks Through the Ages." For the skit competition, participating Greeks groups were divided into teams with other Greek organizations.

Though her team did not win, Boullard saw the competition as worthwhile because it gave the groups an opportunity to work together.

"There's not a lot of interaction between the black and white fraternities and sororities," she said. "The skits provided a situation where they had to work together."

Near the end of the fall semester, the sorority sponsored "Skee-Week," which featured an African American and Greek art show, a fashion show and a dance at Strawberries night club. Boullard explained that the odd title, "Skee-Week," was derived from the shibboleth recognized by all AKA's, which sounds something like "skee-wee." —*Trent Myers*

Car Crash Doesn't Wreck Zeal

Roxanne Boullard, Treas., Sr. • Lacassine, La.

Sabrina Brandy, Sr. • New Orleans, La.

Alicia Caesar, V.P., Jr. • Oberlin, La.

Margaret Curette, Corr., Sr. • Palmetto, La.

Caprice Doby, Sr. • Slidell, La.

Shannon Duplechain, Sr. • Churchpoint, La.

Pamela Fontenot, Soph. • Abbeville, La.

JoEllen Leday, Sr. • Opelousas, La.

Majorie Leday, Parl., Sr. • Opelousas, La.

Annette Matthews, Sec., Sr. • Patterson, La.

Rhonda Tate, Sr. • Franklinton, La.

Karen Taylor, Pres., Jr. • Sulphur, La.



Christine Williams, Sr. • Opelousas, La.

Patricia Thomas, Grad. Advisor

WITH A WARM SMILE and great enthusiasm, Dean Patti Guercio is prepared for her new role as panhellenic advisor.

Guercio's certainly seems qualified for the job she won at the end of the summer. She served as president of Phi Mu sorority when she attended the University of Southern Mississippi as an undergraduate, and she was Panhellenic Advisor while a Master's there. Then she spent some time as a traveling representative for Phi Mu's national office.

While serving as panhellenic advisor at USM, Guercio visited USL and got to know some of the administrators. When the opening for the job came up, Guercio explained that Dean Cheryl Evans, then the panhellenic advisor here, sent her a job description.

Guercio explained that she applied for the job and sent in her resumé and letters of recommendation. She and 20 other applicants were then interviewed. Only five applicants were asked to take another interview, and, of course, Guercio was in that number.

"I was lucky to get the job because so many applied," Guercio said. Evans said that Guercio was perfect for the job.

"She had not only academic background, but experiential learning as well," Evans said.

Guercio is glad to have the job because she likes the area both geographically and professionally. She is from a small town in northern Louisiana called Vidalia, La., and has a sister who lives in Lafayette. Guercio explained that she loves working with Greeks and has had much experience with Greek life.

She added that she received a Master's degree of Education in counseling and personnel service. Her speciality area was college personnel. Some day she would like to get her doctorate degree and move to a higher position, but for now, she enjoys her position.

As panhellenic advisor, Guercio reports to Evans, now assistant dean of students and director of Greek affairs. Guercio's duties entail advising the Panhellenic Council, overseeing the Black Greek Committee, and anything that involves sororities. Some of her goals include promoting leadership and community service among Greeks, es-

A soft-spoken visionary assumes her role as the new adviser to sororities

Good Advice

establishing a rapport with the groups, and promoting the Greek Steering Committee, which plans activities to bring Greeks together.

Guercio added that she would like to see groups working together and supporting each another.

"I'd like to see fraternities and sororities do more together," she said. "I'd like for them to think of themselves as a system."

She explained that the survival of groups depend on the support they get from other groups. According to Guercio, if one group does something wrong, and does not get the support of other groups, then administrators will be more likely to extinguish that group.

Guercio also said she would like to see students treated more like adults.

"If we expect a lot from them, they'll give more," she explained, and she said she plans to follow that philosophy when dealing with students.

Guercio's job does not end with

overseeing sororities. She also holds the title, assistant dean of Student Personnel and reports to Anthony Daniel, dean of Student Personnel.

Guercio's job in Student Personnel entails supervising Harris Hall and handling discipline cases. She is required to be on-call once a week. While Dean Sarah Hossely was on maternity leave, Guercio took over the Rose Garden area which included dorms such as Bonin, Baker-Huger, Evangeline and Randolph.

Guercio enjoys her jobs. She said that she likes all of the people she works with — faculty and students.

According to Evans, Guercio is implementing many new ideas. She has developed a weekly executive council meeting and has many general ideas for programming. Evans added that Guercio stresses educational programming and is geared toward education.

"She has adjusted to USL," Evans said, "and has learned how to work with its uniqueness." ■



DEAN PATTI GUERCIO, THE NEWEST ADDITION TO THE GREEK AFFAIRS STAFF, IS A GRADUATE OF SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI AND TRAVELED AS A NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR PHI MU.

CAMMY ALBARADO

by Jennifer Juneau

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ALPHA OMICRON PI

AOPi is busy saving the world.

Alpha Omicron Pi, USL's newly rechartered sorority as of 1991, puts a great deal of time and energy into a new national recycling effort. But recycling is only one of the many concerns that they give their time to.

"I believe that community involvement, rather than just fund-raising, is more important," said philanthropy chairman Joan Brooks.

Internationally, Alpha Omicron Pi supports the Arthritis Research Foundation by holding a raffle for the cause.

President Stacy Fontenot believes that the most unique feature of the sorority is the diversity of the members attracted to the fledgling sorority. "We stressed the positive side of our newness during rush," Fontenot said. "We have no stereotypes here."

Members of the sorority would like to see a stronger Greek system as a whole. "It would be great if we all pulled together one weekend for one cause and raised money together — an all-Greek charity," Fontenot and Brooks said.

Alpha Omicron Pi was chartered nationally in 1897 at Barnhard College in New York. The second chapter was founded at Tulane University in New Orleans — one of the first sororities in Louisiana.

The sorority stresses scholastic achievement, the benefits of Greek life and volunteer work to its members.

According to Fontenot, "It's just like we say in our meeting — to stand at all times for integrity, dignity, scholarship and college loyalty." —*Stacy Landreth*

Sorority Holds 'No Stereotypes'

Anya Albert, Fr. • Lafayette, La.

Bridget Alderman, Soph. • Metairie, La.

Shelly Ayo, V.P. Admin., Sr. • Des Allemands, La.

Erin Belsom, Social, Sr. • Lafayette, La.

Monique Berard, Fr. • New Iberia, La.

Robin Bercegeay, Jr. • Lafayette, La.

Melissa Bordlee, Panhellenic, Soph. • Lafayette, La.

Amy Boudreaux, Mem. Educ., Soph. • Lafayette, La.

Bernadette Boudreaux, Fr. • New Iberia, La.

Johnette Breaux, Fr. • Lafayette, La.

Joan Brooks, Philanthropy, Sr. • DeRidder, La.

Jessica Brotherton, Fr. • Lafayette, La.



Wendy Broussard, Fr. • Bay City, Texas

Katie Daigle, Chapter Relations, Jr. • Churchpoint, La.



Laura Fontaine, Soph. • Metairie, La.
Stacy Fontenot, Pres., Sr. • Morgan City, La.
 Wendy Frizzell, Sr. • Morgan City, La.
 Shanie Gary, Fr. • New Iberia, La.
 Linda Gaspard, Jr. • Moreauville, La.
 Ginger Gassen, Sr. • Luling, La.

Genneysa Godchaux, Fr. • Destrehan, La.
 Nichole Hebert, Soph. • Abbeville, La.
 Nicole Jackson, Fr. • Houma, La.
 Julie James, Fr. • Lafayette, La.
Christi Jaschke, P.R. Chair., Sr. • Destrehan, La.
 Kim Jaschke, Soph. • Destrehan, La.

Dionne Kidder, Sr. • Lafayette, La.
 Erica Kimmel, Jr. • Marlboro, N.J.
Cori Lanclos, Corr. Sec., Soph. • Leonville, La.
Alison Lang, Rec. Sec., Soph. • Lafayette, La.
 Kimberly Lemione, Jr. • Chalmette, La.
 Kristen Lester, Sr. • Long Island, N.Y.

Amy Livaudais, Jr. • Moreaux, La.
 Toni Lynch, Fr. • Maurice, La.
Raffy Mason, Scholarship, Sr. • Metairie, La.
 London McCall, Fr. • Baton Rouge, La.
 Cinthia Minnaert, Fr. • Diamondhead, Miss.
 Eugenie Moreau, Soph. • Zachary, La.

Michele Murphy, Rituals, Jr. • Marrero, La.
 Tracy Norman, Jr. • Morgan City, La.
 Amy Peacock, Fr. • Abbeville, La.
 Rhonda Richmond, Fr. • Slidell, La.
 Renetta Jo Ripple, Jr. • Metairie, La.
 Jan Robichaux, Sr. • Raceland, La.

Sheila Romero, Fr. • New Iberia, La.
 Jennifer Sawvel, Fr. • Lafayette, La.
 Mary Schlortz, Sr. • Chalmette, La.
 Katie Sellers, Fr. • Hammond, La.
 Raegan Stelly, Fr. • Lafayette, La.
 Catherine Stemmans, Sr. • Carencro, La.

Paula Turner, Pledge Tr., Sr. • Morgan City, La.
 Pamela Williams, Rush Chair., Jr. • Lafayette, La.
 Gretchen Wyble, Soph. • Opelousas, La.

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CHI OMEGA

"Sisterhood. That's what stands out about Chi Omega," said Claire Jacob, 1991 chapter president.

"People who go through Rush comment on our sisterhood," she said. She said that the closeness of Chi Omega's members might be linked to the sorority's relatively small size, having only about 40 members.

Jacob said that the small size does not keep Chi Omega from trying to become best all around. "We stress on-campus involvement, community service and scholarship," she said.

In the fall, Chi Omega was awarded Dean's Awards for first runnerup for on-campus involvement and community service, Jacob said. The sorority was also named the most improved chapter at USL.

Jacob said that in 1991, Chi Omega decided to get more personal with their fundraising and service projects.

One new project the sorority added to its list was the Lafayette Children's Shelter. Jacob said the members decorated the shelter at Halloween and Christmas. She said that at Christmas they baked cookies and brought them to the residents of the shelter.

Chi Omega also held a joint volleyball tournament with Lambda Chi Alpha in the fall. The event was sponsored to raise money for the shelter.

"We got tons of thank you cards from the kids," she said. Jacob said that being involved with the shelter made her and her Chi Omega sisters aware of the homeless and abused. —*Stella C. Theriot*

Shelter Project Increases Awareness

Stephanie Becnel, Treas., Sr. • Metairie, La.
Elisa Boix, House Chair, Jr. • Texas City, Texas

Dawn Bordelon, Sr. • Mansura, La.
Melanie Cazes, Fr. • Alexandria, La.
Julie Clement, Soph. • Covington, La.
Annette Fontenot, Jr. • Jennings, La.

Lori Cass, Fr. • Youngsville, La.
Cindy Gary, Fr. • Morgan City, La.
Kathryn Grimball, Jr. • Sulfur, La.
Erin Guidry, Pledge Tr., Jr. • Covington, La.
Melissa Hand, Personnel, Soph. • Lacombe, La.
Claire Jacob, Pres., Jr. • Metairie, La.



Jennifer Jeanson, Jr. • Cottonport, La.
Jill Johnson, Alum. Relations, Jr. • Slidell, La.



Panhellenic Council

PANHellenic MEMBERS INCLUDE (TOP ROW, L TO R) PAMELA THOMAS, DANA PRADOS, LORRIE THIBAUT, KAREN TAYLOR, DANA PADDOCK, BRIDGET ALDERMAN, DINA NARCISSE, (BOTTOM) KIM GOODLY, PRESIDENT JOHANNA AVILLA, MARTHA CAROL BURK, COURTNEY BELFORD, KIM AYMOND, DEAN PATTI GUERCIO. (SEE STORY PAGE 150.)



- Amy Klingman, Soph. • Lafayette, La.
- Gina Laborde, Sec. Sr. • Sulphur, La.
- Jill Law, Jr. • Baker, La.
- Jennifer LeBlanc, Rush Chair, Jr. • Lafayette, La.
- Tama Luther, Fr. • Baton Rouge, La.
- Jennifer Marion, Fr. • Covington, La.
- Margaret Medver, Soc. Chair., Jr. • New Iberia, La.
- Renee Mizell, Jr. • Covington, La.
- Allison Moore, Soph. • Lafayette, La.
- Sherry Moore, Soph. • Lafayette, La.
- Amy Beth O'Brien, Soph. • Lafayette, La.
- Dawn Politte, Jr. • Covington, La.
- Margaret Porter, Soph. • New Iberia, La.
- Dana Prados, Jr. • Loreauville, La.
- Lugh Roberts, Fr. • Alexandria, La.
- Wendy Rosato, Jr. • Metairie, La.
- Sonya Scott, Fr. • Brownwood, Texas
- Melissa Williams, Chap. Corres., Soph. • Slidell, La.

*A series of Vermilion articles
highlighting problems in the
Greek community lit a
campus controversy*

Good Journalism Or Greek Bashing?

HARD FEELINGS AND CHARGES of "Greek bashing" circulated among the Greek community early in the year in response to some bad news in the pages of *The Vermilion*.

The problems may have begun as early as fall of 1990 with the paper's post-Homecoming edition which chastised Kappa Sigma fraternity for decorating their float with freshly slain squirrels. The critters dangled lifeless from the edge of the float as it rolled passed parade goers, among them small children. Many students, faculty and community members wrote letters to the *Vermilion* voicing their disgust at the antics of the the brothers of Kappa Sigma, and demanded that discipline be taken.

Meanwhile, members of the fraternity held that they were being unjustly tried as a whole for the actions of a few. The letters continued to pour in while the *Vermilion* simply printed them.

By Stacy Landreth

"We (*The Vermilion*) felt like Kappa Sigma was presenting a bad image of the Greek system and the USL," said Leslie Turk, editor at the time. "The community was outraged, and we did not feel that they had to tolerate it."

"They have every right to put what they want under the Buckley Amendment," Kappa Sigma member Justin Nicholls said. "If they should have asked a member to be a guest columnist in order to fix the problem. They definitely had the upper-hand and all we had was letters to the editor section."

Nicholls went on to say that it was like David against Goliath. He felt that accounts of the episode printed in the paper were one-sided and that the rest of the story was not heard. He said that if there was going to be a problem, then the university should have taken action before the parade progressed.

"No one said anything until two days later when the 'Anin' Count Too' group demanded action," Nicholls said.

"Don't get me wrong, we knew that we were ignorant of other peoples' morals and our punishment was justified, but the university ignored the responsibility at the time," Nicholls said.

Another major blow to the Greek community, according to many Greeks, was Turk's fiery editorial in the early spring of '91 in which he accused several fraternities of hazing and complained that the administration was too easy on disciplining them. And she spoke out against the administration for using of the Buckley Amendment, which protects students' education records, as a means of hiding disciplinary measures taken in these cases.

Again, the letters to the editor

ured in, this time from Greeks agry with the paper's allegations of hazing and desire to expose Martin Hall's handling of hazing incidents. Many claim that the attack was pointless, without facts or backing.

Phi Kappa Theta President Devin Davis, a vocal adversary of the paper's coverage of Greek matters, called the Turk editorial an "on-sight of personal attacks and prejudice against the entire Greek system" in an April 19 letter to the editor. Members of many Greek organizations wrote to the paper in defense of the system. Kappa Sigma and Phi Mu sorority were among the most notable correspondents.

Phi Mu was accused of having designated drivers at social functions who enjoyed, as Turk wrote in her editorial, "a bit too much wining and dinking." The sorority denied Turk's accusations.

Other articles were written about an incident involving a fight between some Theta Xi members and a former member who reportedly got the fraternity in hot water with the university and the national Theta Xi office after a hazing episode. And Sigma Nu's arguably proper performance in the 1991 homecoming "Yell Like Hell" skit contest made the paper.

According to the paper's associate editor Stacy Dartez, The Vermilion simply reported the news.

"Much of the controversy was kept going in the letters-to-the-editor section, as it did during political campaigns and the racial tension," she said.

Dartez said she did some research into the subject and found that in the fall of 1990 and spring of 1991, six "good" articles, two "neutral" articles and five "bad" articles were written about Greeks. In the summer and fall of 1991, according to Dartez, twelve good articles, two neutral articles and three bad articles were written.

Sigma last fall, it was really hard to get the community to donate things for homecoming this year. All of the groups had a problem getting trucks and trailers for the floats," he said.

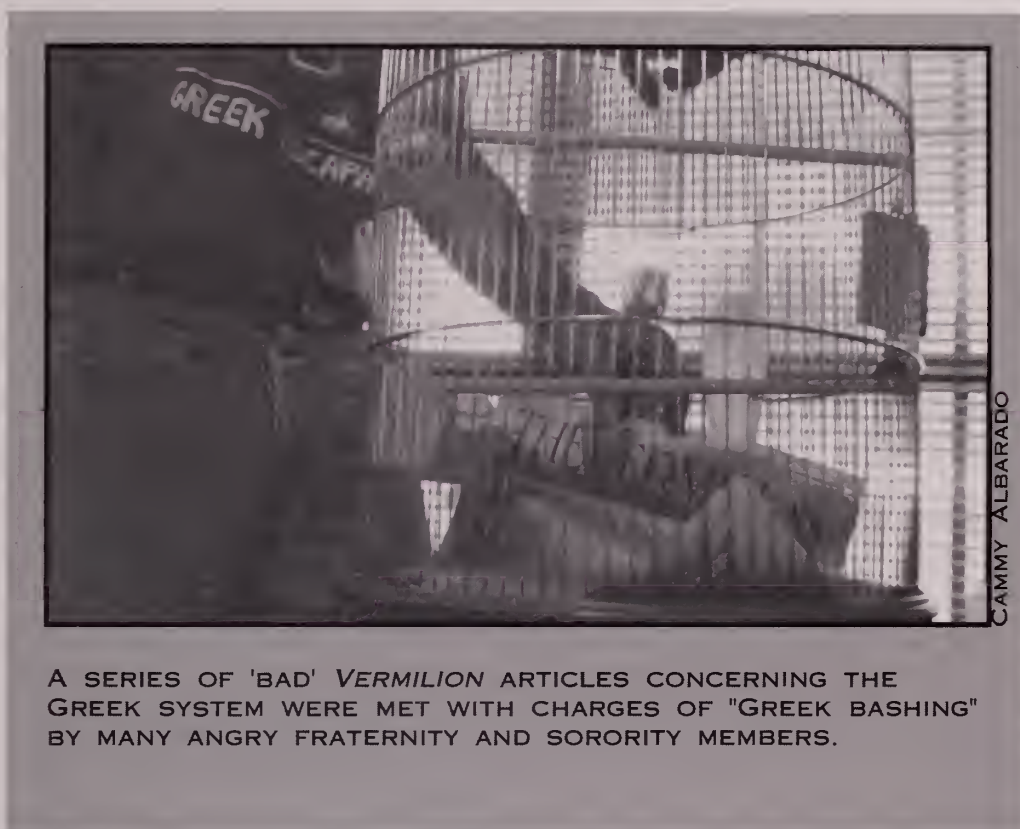
Davis said he feels that the former editor was "anti-Greek" and used her position to attack the system unduly. He was opposed to what he saw as her generalization of all the groups. "I wrote a letter following [an] editorial, and then there were false allegations that PKT abused our pledges," Davis said.

"Davis' accusation that I am anti-greek is totally unfounded," Turk said. "I have nothing against the Greek system — it is a good system. Some of my best friends are Greek as are many of the [Vermilion] staff members."

Turk went on to explain that the main reason for writing the notorious hazing editorial was in protest of the administration denying the paper information about university investigations and action concerning hazing. The administration

claims that information is none of the public's business and cites the Buckley Amendment, which keeps educational records private.

And she said the problem of hazing is serious. "There is still hazing at USL, no matter what the administration says," she said. ■



A SERIES OF 'BAD' VERMILION ARTICLES CONCERNING THE GREEK SYSTEM WERE MET WITH CHARGES OF "GREEK BASHING" BY MANY ANGRY FRATERNITY AND SORORITY MEMBERS.

"We will print anything that is positive about the Greeks if it is newsworthy," Dartez said. "We just cannot be everywhere at once, so we rely on the organizations themselves to turn in information to us."

Davis isn't as concerned with the paper's coverage policy as he is with the effects the coverage has.

"After the ordeal with Kappa



DELTA DELTA DELTA

Delta Delta Delta sorority was founded by two women who were unhappy with the sororities they were involved in.

At Boston College in 1888, Sarah Ida Shaw and Elinore Dorcas Pond founded Delta Delta Delta sorority based on friendship, truthfulness and sisterhood, according to Dana Wallace, president of Tri Delta at USL. It wasn't until 1957 that Tri Delta came to the USL campus.

Tri-Delta member Stacy Landreth explained that the sorority holds about three to four socials a semester.

"We try to have them with as many different fraternities as possible," she said.

Landreth added that the sorority also hosts many functions on their own such as Sadie Hawkins, Fall Fling, Crush Party, Crawfish Boil and a formal.

The national philanthropy for Tri Delta sorority is the Children's Cancer Research. Landreth said that the USL chapter hosted a dance-a-thon at The Yellow Rose last year to raise money for that cause.

"We raised \$2,000," Landreth said. "We charged \$2 per person at the door and got business donations." Landreth added that plans were in the making for another dance-a-thon.

Wallace stressed the fact that Tri-Delta women are not unusual or different from other women because of their sorority ties.

"We have some hard workers and some who slack off," she said. "It's not different from any other sorority." She said that Tri Deltas strive to be "ladies," and hold their heads high, but they are all different types of people. — *Jennifer Juneau*

Tri-Delta Dances For Dollars

Kelly Adcock, Soph. • Kingwood, Texas
Beth Alciatore, Soc. Dev., Jr. • Lafayette, La.
Annette Amesur, Soph. • Baton Rouge, La.
Mary Beth Aucoin, Sr. • Baton Rouge, La.
Kim Aymond, Soph. • Opelousas, La.
Anne-Scott Bahlinger, Chaplain, Sr. • B.R., La.

Chalisse Barrilleaux, Jr. • New Iberia, La.
Stephanie Bates, Soph. • Carthage, Texas
Suzie Bernard, Soph. • Lafayette, La.
Laura Lee Blackwell, Sr. • Lafayette, La.
Christine Blanchard, Soph. • New Iberia, La.
Julie Boudreaux, Soph. • New Iberia, La.



Leslie Bourque, Soph. • Lafayette, La.
Elizabeth Brupbacher, Soph. • Lafayette, La.
Aimee Broussard, Fr. • Buras, La.



Kimberly Campbell, Soph. • Lafayette, La.
Chase Cappel, Fr. • Alexandria, La.
Kimberly Caughron, Soph. • Goodlettsville, Tenn.
Shelli Cestia, Soph. • New Iberia, La.
Traci Chabina, Soph. • Denham Springs, La.
Paige Cline, Schship. Chair, Soph. • Rayne, La.

Christie Comeaux, Fr. • Lafayette, La.
Amy Copeland, Jr. • Raleigh, N.C.
Heather Cross, Soph. • New Iberia, La.
Anne Dennis, Soph. • Lafayette, La.
Amy Devillier, Sr. • Sunset, La.
Macklyn Domingue, Soph. • Lafayette, La.

Tricia Dragon, Fr. • Lafayette, La.
Rebecca Dronet, Soph. • Erath, La.
Cristie Dufrene, Soph. • Marrevo, La.
Melissa Duplantist, Sr. • Erath, La.
Paula Durand, Jr. • New Iberia, La.
Daren Easterling, Sr. • Sulphur, La.

Heather Evans, Jr. • Shreveport, La.
Frances Farmer, Jr. • Lafayette, La.
Laura Fraser, Sr. • Lafayette, La.
Annie Fuselier, Exec. V.P., Jr. • Lafayette, La.
Kayla Gaspard, Jr. • Youngsville, La.
Shannon Gordon, Soph. • Metairie, La.

Mary Guilbeau, Sr. • Lafayette, La.
Kimberly Harrison, Soph. • Lafayette, La.
Christina Hebert, Fr. • Lafayette, La.
Nancy Hilburn, Jr. • Lafayette, La.
Tiffany Huey, Soph. • Hermitage, Tenn.
Ali Johnson, Sr. • Lafayette, La.

Carla Jones, Fr. • Morganza, La.
Jane Kimbrell, Soph. • Lafayette, La.
Danell LaBiche, Jr. • New Iberia, La.
Marcelle LaGraize, Soph. • Somers, Conn.
Leslie Lalande, Fr. • Lafayette, La.
Stacy Landreth, Soph. • Lafayette, La.

Amy Landry, Treas., Sr. • Lafayette, La.
Lori Landry, Fr. • Lafayette, La.
Veronica Langley, Soph. • Lafayette, La.
Paula Lanzetta, Soph. • Metairie, La.
Jennifer Liggio, Fr. • Lafayette, La.
Nicole Luent, Fr. • New Iberia, La.

Elizabeth Luke, Fr. • Centerville, La.
Candace Marks, Jr. • New Iberia, La.
Liz McDaniel, Soph. • Fort Worth, Texas
Jona McMillan, Soph. • Lafayette, La.
Heather Oliver, Soph. • Lafayette, La.
Jennifer Page, Soph. • Lafayette, La.

Leigh Patterson, Jr. • Port Gibson, Miss.
Kristie Perkins, Soph. • Natchitoches, La.
Renaie Pontitt, Jr. • New Iberia, La.
Remi Pratt, Fr. • Lafayette, La.
Hydi Reddick, Jr. • Lafayette, La.
Tonya Rose, Social Ev., Jr. • Franklin, La.

Kelly Sadler, Soph. • Lafayette, La.
 Kathy Sayes, Soph. • Lafayette, La.
 Stacy Scherer, Fr. • Eunice, La.
 Kacee Schexnayder, Fr. • Lafayette, La.
 Debbie Sheets, Fr. • Houston, Texas
 Tammy Stelly, Jr. • Lafayette, La.



Hope Stout, Sr. • Erath, La.
 Julie Todd, Sr. • Port Gibson, Miss.
 Ashley Trahan, Fr. • Lafayette, La.



Greeks honor two of their peers for achievements in the Greek system and on campus

A Pair of Aces

EVERY YEAR THE Greek system recognizes two individuals from among its ranks. The Greek Man and Woman of the Year are announced during Greek Week at an annual reception honoring Greek accomplishments.

On April 11, 1991, the 1990 Greek Man and Woman honored were Shellie Conques of Kappa Delta and Jeff Gremillion of Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

According to Dean Patti Guercio, adviser to sororities, the criteria for selection include leadership qualities, a GPA well above the sorority or fraternity set standard, leadership positions within the group, community service (within the group or as an individual), and exemplification of the national standards of service, scholarship and leadership. She summed it up by saying, "In other words, the individuals must be well-rounded."

The fraternities and sororities nominate individuals who then fill out an extensive application form. Committees then select the two.

Shellie Conques, who graduated in Broadcast Journalism in May, is the daughter of Wayne and Mary Ann Conques of Shreveport. She has one brother, Laine.

Conques said, "It's kind of odd that I joined a sorority because when I was starting college, I was not going to join a sorority." She said her mother was not in favor of her going through Rush, and Conques did not have any intention of going Greek.

A friend convinced Conques' mom to let her daughter go through Rush at USL, where she had a full scholarship. Conques said she has not regretted the decision.

Some of Conques' activities included being an orientation group leader, a member of Blue Key national honor fraternity, Sigma

Gamma Mu vice president, a Gamma Beta Phi member, Union Program Council Fashion Committee chairman, Kappa Delta songleader, Panhellenic president and a member of the Greek Steering Committee.

She said that she developed leadership skills and a very intense learning of time management, and she learned how to work with other people through her sorority involvement. Conques began putting these skills to work at Sides & Associates, a Lafayette advertising firm, just before attaining her degree. And she began working on her graduate degree in Rehabilitation Counseling.

Dean Cheryl Evans, who oversees all Greek activity, had high praise for Conques. "It's incredible to me what she has done," she said. "She has made decisions to not let her physical conditions keep her back." Conques has a lung disease known as Cystic Fibrosis, and she has diabetes.

Evans said that Conques was elected Panhellenic president by her peers in eight other sororities. She said that the usual process entails a rotation of sororities from which the president would be chosen, but the process was changed last year. "That says a lot for her," Evans said. She went on to say that Conques did a remarkable job and was a tremendous asset to the system.

Conques said that being Panhellenic President taught her patience and how to delegate authority. She also said that she learned her limitations.

By Stella C. Theriot



Dana Wallace, Pres., Sr. • Lafayette, La.
 Jamie Wallace, Rec. Sec., Jr. • Lafayette, La.
 Cynthia Williams, Fr. • Denham Springs, La.
 Kathy Williams, Soph. • Denham Springs, La.
 Elisabeth Wilson, Soph. • Metairie, La.
 Wendy Woodstein, Pledge Tr., Jr. • Houma, La.

Christie Zahn, Fr. • Lake Charles, La.
 Brandon Moore, Beau
 Hunter Trahan, Beau

Being honored as Greek Man of the Year meant, "sincere recognition of a lot of blood, sweat and tears," Conques said.

Jeff Gremillion is the son of Genn and Fontaine Gremillion of Friday, La. He has two brothers, one of which is his identical twin. Gremillion's twin brother Shannon graduated from Northeast Louisiana University in December, and his younger brother Bradley began at USL in the fall and pledged SAE.

Gremillion, a senior in English and Journalism, said that he planned to join the Greek system when he came to USL on scholarship. He was going to look hard at Tau Kappa Epsilon because his dad had been a TKE at Louisiana Tech. However, USL's TKE chapter folded the summer before Gremillion began school.

He said he wanted to join the Greek system because he did not know many people here at USL. Joining a fraternity was a way to "get a circle of friends," Gremillion said.

According to Gremillion, becoming a member of a fraternity helped him to develop an enthusiasm for the university and confidence in his own abilities. "It's a microcosm of the real world where you learn how to deal with people and situations to the best of everyone concerned," he said.


Gremillion admitted that being a Greek can be time consuming. He said that one must be dedicated and believe in what one is doing.

Some positions Gremillion has held at USL include orientation group leader, *L'Acadien* editor, Ver-

million film critic, SGA president of Arts & Humanities and member of a number of committees like the University Fees Committee, the University Residency Committee and Greek Steering Committee. He has also worked in USL Theater productions and served as vice president of SAE.

Gremillion said that being chosen Greek Man of the Year means

being "recognized when you put your heart into USL and the Greek system. It's really an incredible feeling."

Dean Jay Domingue, advisor to fraternities, said of Gremillion, "I have a lot of admiration for him. I wish more people were like him. He's a definite asset." 



DANIEL LINCOLN

COMMUNICATION MAJORS JEFF GREMILLION AND SHELLIE CONQUES WERE HONORED AS THE YEAR'S OUTSTANDING GREEKS.

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KAPPA DELTA

Scholarship is the name of the game for Kappa Delta. Their hard work paid when their chapter earned the highest grades average among all the groups on sorority row.

"It is our most important area because our grades have not always been that good," Shannon Becnel said. "Our focus has changed, and we have our priorities in order."

Among Kappa Delta's other priorities is their dedication to philanthropy. KDs across the country raise money for the Children's Hospital in Virginia.

This year KD held a very successful fashion show, proceeds of which went to the hospital. They also contributed to the hospital's "Wish List" program, which attempts to grant the wishes of terminally ill children.

On a more local note, the Kappa Delta sisters helped the Children's Shelter by having a see-saw-a-thon with Phi

Kappa Theta, contributing to the Christmas Seals. And the pledges sold Halloween telegrams for Hospice of Acadiana.

But this is not all there is to Kappa Delta. They have socials, KD Cookout, formal, grub and a Christmas party. And their sisterhood is something that they are very proud of.

"None of us are the same, yet we have basically the same goals and values — to be the best that we can," Audrey Sandoval said. "Each person gives to KD and gets something different out of it."

Some members of KD describe pledging Kappa Delta as a family tradition. Freshman Tricia Hebert said, "I am proud to wear my KD jersey because my mother is a Kappa Delta alumnae."

This "pride" is what Kappa Delta is all about. —*Stacy Landreth & Kathy Williams*

Grades a Priority For KD Women

Jennifer Allen, Sr. • Baton Rouge, La.

Kim Andrepont, Soph. • Church Point, La.

Andrea Archila, Fr. • Lafayette, La.

Margaret Archila, Jr. • Lafayette, La.

Jamie Babin, Fr. • Scott, La.

Shannon Becnell, V.P. Member, Sr. • Lafayette, La.

Courtney Belford, Sr. • Greenville, Miss.

Dawn Boudreaux, Soph. • Thibodeaux, La.

Stephanie Boudreaux, Sr. • Broussard, La.

Shawn Brasher, Sr. • New Iberia, La.

Melanie Breau, Fr. • Houma, La.

Bridget Brignac, Sr. • Rayne, La.



Jennifer Brown, Jr. • Port Allen, La.

Christina Cain, Soph. • Lafayette, La.



Jolynn Cefalu, Jr. • Baton Rouge, La.
 Jennifer Champagne, Sr. • Lafayette, La.
 Cynthia Chucoski, Jr. • Oklahoma City, Okla.
 Lauren Collins, Soph. • Houma, La.
 Krystn Creed, Fr. • Boxborough, Mass.
 Carla Culotta, Soph. • Lafayette, La.

Christie Deaton, Fr. • Sunset, La.
 Debbie Delhomme, Fr. • Lafayette, La.
 Sandra Dorton, Jr. • Lafayette, La.
 Lynell Duhon, Fr. • Marrero, La.
 Amy Duncan, Soph. • Youngsville, La.
 Michelle Dupuis, Fr. • Slidell, La.

Julie Eaton, Fr. • Lafayette, La.
 Aimee Fabre, Fr. • LaPlace, La.
 Lisa Fauchaux, Fr. • LaPlace, La.
 Julaine Fletcher, Sr. • New Iberia, La.
 Maria Fontenot, Sr. • Ville Platte, La.
 Angele Fritsche, Soph. • LaPlace, La.

Gabrielle Fuselier, Sr. • Eunice, La.
 Yvette Gaubert, Soph. • Lafayette, La.
 Michele Gillaspie, Fr. • Lafayette, La.
 Cricket Hargett, Jr. • Lafayette, La.
 Alida Hebert, Fr. • Morgan City, La.
 Holly Hebert, Soph. • Lafayette, La.

Tricia Hebert, Fr. • Erath, La.
 Melissa Jarreau, Jr. • Cecilia, La.
 Katie Kelley, Jr. • Alexandria, La.
 Ali Landry, Fr. • Breaux Bridge, La.
 Jacqueline Landry, Jr. • Lafayette, La.
 Ruthie Laporte, Sr. • Arnaudville, La.

Lisa LeBlanc, Sr. • Jennings, La.
 Angela McNeil, Jr. • Lafayette, La.
 Amy Nicholson, Sr. • New Iberia, La.
 Jill Norman, Soph. • West Monroe, La.
 Aimee Pawlowski, Jr. • Lafayette, La.
 Maryalice Payne, Soph. • Youngsville, La.

Joylynn Pitre, Jr. • Cutoff, La.
 Cassie Plough, Treas., Sr. • Lafayette, La.
 Kelli Poche, Fr. • Lafayette, La.
 Maria Rogers, Soph. • Abbeville, La.
 Audrey Sandoval, Soph. • McAllen, Texas
 Katie Sikes, Fr. • Lafayette, La.

Deidre Smith-Estapa, Soph. • Bexley, Ohio
 Paige Smith, Fr. • Lafayette, La.
 Regina Yawn, Soph. • Denham Springs, La.
 Bryan Woodward, Beau

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PHI MU

"Phi Mu's got it!" This was the Rush cry this fall for the sisters of Phi Mu after that chant led to their success in the "Yell Like Hell" rap/skit and eventually their claiming of the 1990 Homecoming sweepstakes.

In addition to their achievement in Homecoming and Rush, the sisters of Phi Mu strove toward more philosophical goals.

According to President Tonya Theriot, the sisters of the Phi Mu fraternity (fraternity because they were founded before the word sorority was coined) represent high ideals and aspirations of womanhood. The purpose is to develop a spirit of service, helpfulness and cooperation among its members. But their helpfulness is not limited to themselves.

Phi Mu's annual fundraiser, "Big Man on Campus," raised money for their philanthropies, Project H.O.P.E. and the Children's Miracle Network. Organizations nominated candidates to vie for the big-man title, and students

voted by placing money in jars adorned with the candidates' names. The winner, the man whose jar included the most money, took Dean Edward Pratt's place as dean of Student Services for a day.

Theriot said the sisters concentrate on recruiting new members to parallel the growth of the Greek force. "We want to continue to grow as USL and the Greek system as a whole grows," she said.

The president explained the advantages of being a Phi Mu. According to Theriot, "The best thing about the sorority is the sense of sisterhood that's developed throughout the college years."

Aimee Verret, 1991 pledge, agreed, adding, "I decided on Phi Mu because I felt the most at home and the most comfortable here. The girls here are really down to earth and are people that I can relate to. I have no regrets."

—Stacy Landreth

Chapter Makes Student Dean for a Day

Amy Andrews, Sr. • Columbus, Ga.

Misty Arcement, Fr. • New Iberia, La.

Mandy Badeaux, Soph. • Carencro, La.

Dana Baker, Soph. • Kingsville, Texas

Jennifer Bayer, Soph. • Slidell, La.

Leah Belaire, Jr. • Lafayette, La.

Andrea Bertrand, Soph. • Lafayette, La.

Susan Bienvenu, Jr. • St. Martinville, La.

Deborah Blanchard, Soph. • Lafayette, La.

Dawn Boudreaux, Fr. • Lydia, La.

Stephanie Broussard, Fr. • Lafayette, La.

Bridget Bunch, Fr. • Clinton, La.

Heather Cogburn, Soph. • Lafayette, La.

Stacy Cormier, Soph. • Lafayette, La.

Elizabeth Daigle, Fr. • Thibodeaux, La.

Lisa Dauvergne, Sec., Sr. • Kenner, La.

Kelly Davis, Soph. • New Iberia, La.

Jenny Desormeaux, Soph. • Lafayette, La.





Molly Dupre, Soph. • Lafayette, La.
Laina Dutton, Treas., Jr. • Lafayette, La.
 Rachel Falgout, Soph. • New Iberia, La.
 Gretchen Gibbens, Soph. • Thibodeaux, La.
 Stephanie Girouard, Sr. • Kaplan, La.
 Kim Granger, Fr. • Lafayette, La.

Gigi Harrison, Soph. • Labadieville, La.
 Holly Hayes, Soph. • Lafayette, La.
 Amy Heaslip, Soph. • Metairie, La.
 Amber Hebert, Fr. • Lafayette, La.
 Dana Helton, Jr. • Opelousas, La.
 Kay Hernandez, Fr. • Lafayette, La.

Shannon Hicks, Phi Dir., Jr. • Lafayette, La.
 Chris Jochum, Fr. • Crowley, La.
 Kimberly Judice, Fr. • Lafayette, La.
 Dawn Kennon, Fr. • Lafayette, La.
 Nicolle Landry, Sr. • Lafayette, La.
Stephanie Langlois, V.P., Jr. • Baton Rouge, La.

Melissa Larke, Soph. • Houma, La.
 Dawn LeBlanc, Fr. • Lafayette, La.
 Tiffani LeBlanc, Jr. • Lafayette, La.
 Kathleen Mader, Soph. • Lafayette, La.
 Beth Marino, Jr. • Lafayette, La.
Aileen Martin, Panhellenic, Sr. • Baton Rouge, La.

Jennifer Mayeux, Fr. • Baton Rouge, La.
 Maureen McCombie, Sr. • Lafayette, La.
 Angela Meche, Fr. • Lafayette, La.
 Mandy Meche, Soph. • Lafayette, La.
 Melissa Monson, Sr. • Metairie, La.
 Melissa Morvant, Soph. • Thibodeaux, La.

Jessi Munch, Fr. • New Orleans, La.
 Dana Paddock, Soph. • Kenner, La.
 Allison Paul, Jr. • Baton Rouge, La.
 Gretchen Pellegrin, Fr. • Houma, La.
 Jill Picard, Fr. • Breaux Bridge, La.
 Mischa Pizzolato, Jr. • Addis, La.

Annemarie Plylar, Fr. • Lafayette, La.
 Patrice Poche, Jr. • New Iberia, La.
 Julie Puyau, Fr. • New Orleans, La.
 Angela Riche, Soph. • Bunkie, La.
 Ashley Romero, Sr. • Lafayette, La.
 Allison Rose, Fr. • New Iberia, La.

Jayne Russo, Jr. • Lafayette, La.
 Kerry Russo, Fr. • Lafayette, La.
 Anne Soileau, Soph. • Ville Platte, La.
 Annette Sonnier, Soph. • Lafayette, La.
Tonya Theriot, Pres., Sr. • Lafayette, La.
 Autumn Vaughn, Fr. • Lafayette, La.

Amy Venable, Soph. • Bunkie, La.
 Arnee Verret, Fr. • Lafayette, La.
 Ingrid Wagner, Fr. • New Orleans, La.
 Erin Wilderson, Jr. • New Orleans, La.
 Holly Williams, Fr. • Zachery, La.
 Elise Wise, Jr. • Houma, La.

*A dangerous 'informal tradition'
quietly dies as the mud fights of Bid Day
dry and crumble into the past*

A Kinder, Gentler Bid Day

THIS YEAR WILL GO down in the history books as the year the infamous mudfights of Bid Day died.

During the summer months, the administration gave the fraternities three options: 1) end the tradition of Bid Day; 2) move the activities off of campus property; or 3) conduct the event in a more controlled manner.

The seven fraternities on fraternity row opted for self-regulation and formed "The Sober Seven." One representative from each group monitored parties in the other houses. If one of the Seven saw a particular party getting out of hand, according to Domingue, that one would tell the members to either "cool down, or shut down."

SGA president John Morgan, in an interview with *The Vermilion* during the summer, noted his concern that the restrictions on Bid Day made it seem like the tradition was being taken out of the hands of fraternity members. Morgan, a former president of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, compared Bid Day to childbirth.

"It's like when a mother sees her newborn child for the first time and embraces it," he said.

By Trent Myers

However, assistant dean of Student Services, Jay Domingue, noted that the regulations were necessary. He explained that in previous years some of the activities connected with Bid Day have gotten out of hand. Mudfights, playing in the coulees that runs behind the houses, climbing on the rooftops and running victory laps — activities that fraternity members had come to expect — become dangerous when coupled with the alcohol consumed at the event, according to Domingue.

"Last year, Bid Day was tremendous. It was wild. It was out of control," he said.

Rush week, which precedes Bid Day, marks the beginning of the fraternization process. The week, which is generally heavily promoted, provides the fraternities with an opportunity to solicit new members.

Students who want to participate in the Greek system put themselves up for bid by paying a \$5 fee prior to Rush week. The "rushes," as they are called, then attend "commercials," which are presentations by the various fraternities emphasizing each group's strong points. They can also compare fraternities during the parties throughout the week. At the end of the week, or Bid Day, rushees find out which fraternities want them when they pick up their bids in the Student Union. Groups pledging the same fraternity then head for fraternity row, where their future brothers anxiously await.

They arrive — some in the backs of pickups, some on foot — and the celebration begins.

Amidst a backdrop of fraternity yells, blaring music and streams of airborne beer, the pledges are introduced. Though they still have months in most cases, to grow before initiation and the activation of their full rights as brothers, they have entered the world of the Greeks.

Bradley Gremillion, a freshman, rushed this fall. Gremillion

whose father was in a fraternity and whose brother is an active member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, said that he's always wanted to be in a fraternity, "especially coming to USL," he said. "None of my friends were here — I didn't know anybody."

He said that he has come to realize, though, that fraternity life is more than just having fun, as he once thought. "It's about coming together, coming closer to your brothers," he said. Though he received bids from other fraternities, Gremillion pledged Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

On the evening of Bid Day he and other SAE rushees traveled to Fraternity Row in the backs of pickup trucks. Though a party is a party, there's something special about a party with a mudfight. Did he feel he was missing out?

"It sounds like it would have been a lot of fun," he said. "But they act it out this year. They would get in big trouble if they were to do it."

Davey Schmitt, who became an active Theta Xi in the fall of 1990, recalled arriving at Fraternity Row on Bid Day. "They threw this shirt at me," he said, motioning to the blue and white Theta Xi t-shirt he was wearing, "and all of a sudden you're a brother."

Schmitt described Bid Day as "a party for the pledges." He said that fraternity members can look back on the day years later and say, "Man, they had a party for me, just because I joined. That's why it's such a big deal."

A participant in the last of the Bid Day mudfights, Schmitt described the grubby tumble as an opportunity for actives to show affection to the newcomers. "They don't just say 'Hey, how ya' doin'?' They're wrestlin' with you," he said.

Domingue agreed that the mudfights had been a way for the men to express their affection.

"Guys won't go over and hug each other, but they will wrestle each

other," he said. "It's just an excitement you experience when you get into the fraternity you wanted and they get the guys they wanted."

Mudfights, according to Domingue, are only as old as the last house built on fraternity row, Phi Kappa Theta in 1987. Domingue said that the ritual had become a type of informal initiation.

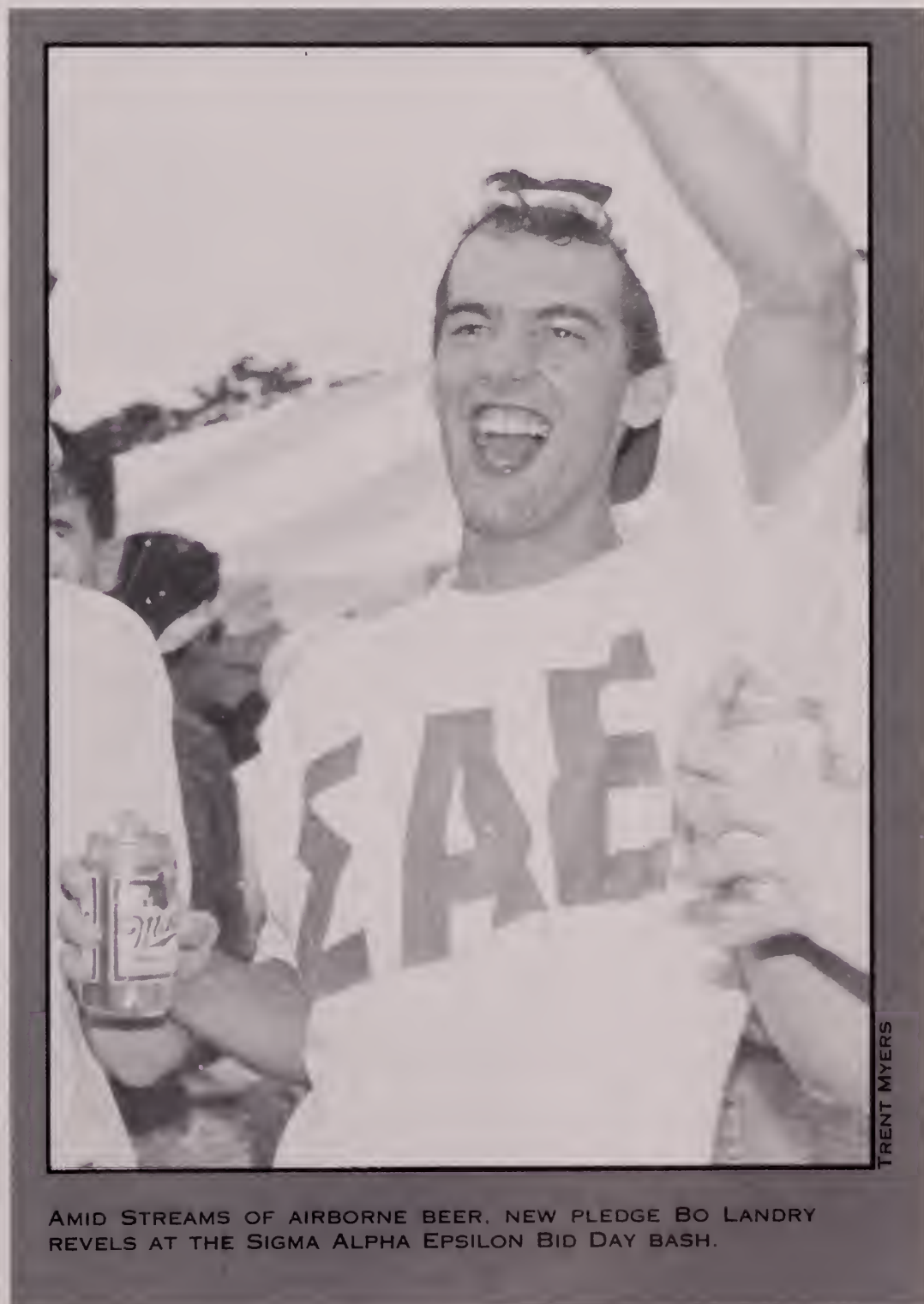
"The mud was there. It was the easiest thing," he said. "If it wasn't that, it would have been

something else — anything to have fun with."

He said that, despite complaints, participants did enjoy Bid Day this year, and the responsibility of the fraternities was evident in their ability to self-regulate the event.

"It was a huge accomplishment to get their members not to play in the mud," he said.

"I really don't think they realize how big a step they've taken," he said. ⚡



AMID STREAMS OF AIRBORNE BEER, NEW PLEDGE BO LANDRY REVELS AT THE SIGMA ALPHA EPSILON BID DAY BASH.

TRENT MYERS



SIGMA SIGMA SIGMA

This has been a winning year for the Alpha Mu chapter of Sigma Sigma Sigma.

The sorority's national philanthropy is the Robbie Page Memorial. At national convention the chapter was awarded for outstanding work for that fund. Awards received included "Most Money Raised by a Chapter" and "Most Money Raised per member."

Fund raising events included bake sales and raffles. President Peezie Leininger said of the raffle, "It was a lot easier to sell tickets this year. Prizes were donated by local companies so we did not have to raffle off money."

The sorority raised almost \$2,000 for their philanthropy. Tri-Sigma's community service did not stop there. Members participated in several events to benefit the Lafayette Children's Shelter. They hosted a Halloween party for the shelter's residents. At the party, members and guests played pin the tail on the donkey and went

trick-or-treating on sorority row. Sigma also gathered presents from members and brought them to the children at Christmas time.

Members of the sorority emphasized scholarship, scheduling no socials in the fall to make room for study time.

Sigma Sigma Sigma also captured the overall Sweepstakes award among sororities for USL Homecoming competition. Tri-Sigma won the "Yell Like Hell" competition with their rendition of a Blues Brother's hit. They also won the display and float categories and placed third in "Paint the Town Red."

Margi Edens, tri-Sigma member, said, "I think that we deserved to do well in Homecoming activities because we worked hard. That's what I like best about my sorority: When we work as a team we always excel."

—Kathy Williams

Sorority Wins Award For Philanthropy

Charlotte Ackoury, Soph. • Jennings, La.

Ashley Aparicio, Fr. • Baton Rouge, La.

Rachelle Arabie, Fr. • Rayne, La.

Hope Ardoin, Fr. • Opelousas, La.

Tracy Baham, Jr. • Franklin, La.

Kelly Ball, Soph. • Lafayette, La.

Neille Bernard, Soph. • River Ridge, La.

Alice Bobeck, Sec., Jr. • Slidell, La.

Kimberly Boudreaux, Soph. • Lafayette, La.

Martha Carol Burk, Sr. • Baton Rouge, La.

Becky Cazedessus, Fr. • Clinton, La.

Christina Culotta, Treas., Sr. • Patterson, La.



Kari Dietz, Soph. • Baton Rouge, La.

Brandy Doucet, Fr. • Bunkie, La.

Margi Edens, Jr. • Slidell, La.



Louise Estep, Soph. • Baton Rouge, La.
 Crissy Fudge, Fr. • Clinton, La.
 Donielle Gaubert, Soph. • Lafayette, La.
 Tanisha Gautreaux, Fr. • Breaux Bridge, La.
 Tracey Gibson, Soph. • Mansura, La.
 Mimi Green, Fr. • Houma, La.

Karen Guidry, Sr. • Lafayette, La.
 Paula Guillory, Jr. • Opelousas, La.
 Debra Hackney, Sr. • Metairie, La.
 Lesley Hargroder, Soph. • Opelousas, La.
 Andrea Hollinger, Sr. • New Orleans, La.
 Mannie Iglesias, Sr. • Harvey, La.

Liz Jordan, Sr. • Lafayette, La.
 Leslie Judice, Fr. • Franklin, La.
 Melinda Koon, Sr. • Covington, La.
 Melissa Lambert, Soph. • Houma, La.
 Nicki LeBlanc, Soph. • Lafayette, La.
 Kathy LeBleu, Fr. • Abbeville, La.

Nikki Leger, Fr. • Abbeville, La.
Peezie Leininger, Pres., Sr. • Slidell, La.
 Melissa Lopez, Jr. • Denville, N.J.
Rhonda Lorio, V.P., Sr. • Metairie, La.
 Eileen Maggiore, Soph. • Jennings, La.
 Kara Maggiore, Fr. • Jennings, La.

Ronda McClintock, Jr. • Lafayette, La.
 Kimberly Meaux, Soph. • Abbeville, La.
 Aleta Mikolajczyk, Soph. • Lafayette, La.
 Misty Miller, Soph. • Broussard, La.
 Tonia Naquin, Fr. • Lafayette, La.
 Ann Nelson, Jr. • Houma, La.

Heather Norman, Soph. • Lafayette, La.
 Cynthia Ormsby, Fr. • Breaux Bridge, La.
 Kristan Peak, Fr. • Baton Rouge, La.
 Melissa Pellerin, Fr. • Opelousas, La.
 Debbie Reeder, Sr. • New Orleans, La.
 Celeste Richard, Soph. • Lafayette, La.

Debbie Richert, Jr. • Jennings, La.
 Shelley Rochel, Sr. • Youngsville, La.
 Tereson Rougee, Soph. • Metairie, La.
Michelle St. Pierre, Rush Dir., Sr. • Slidell, La.
 Jennifer Schrader, Jr. • Houma, La.
Nicola Simmers, Ed. Dir., Sr. • Slidell, La.

Angie Stockstill, Jr. • Slidell, La.
 Michelle Templet, Soph. • Lafayette, La.
 Kay Theriot, Jr. • Lafayette, La.
Lorrie Thibault, Panhellenic, Jr. • Lafayette, La.
 Trista Thompson, Fr. • St. Joe, Ark.
 Gail Van Ryckeghem, Soph. • Luling, La.

Catherine Viator, Soph. • Jeanerette, La.
 Michelle Vincent, Jr. • Lafayette, La.
 Jennifer Walet, Fr. • Lafayette, La.
 Paige Willson, Jr. • Baton Rouge, La.
 Carey Young, Fr. • Baton Rouge, La.
 Andy Walters, Beau

Four Greek governing and programming bodies work to strengthen the system

Greek Four-play

USL's GREEK SYSTEM has had its ups and downs in the past year. It continues, however, to work like a well-oiled machine because of four key groups: the Interfraternity Council, Panhellenic Council, Black Greek Council and the Greek Steering Committee.

The Interfraternity Council, better known as IFC, was headed by Chance Cortez this past year. Cortez said, "In a nutshell, the IFC is the governing body over all USL's fraternities."

Cortez said that each fraternity sends its president and a delegate to sit on the council.

He continued that he felt the council has made significant strides this past year. For instance, the council set specific goals in 1991 to clearly define the relationship between the Greek system and the university. The result of that goal was the establishment of the "Greek Relationship Statement."

The document gives USL Greeks the power to self-govern, Cortez said.

One of IFC's accomplishments Cortez is proud of is the work of the Junior IFC. Cortez said that Cyril Jason Clark and Jason Manson were instrumental in organizing the new organization. He said that the two did a fine job of motivating incoming members.

The IFC works in coordination with several other committees in bettering the Greek community at USL. One of those is the Panhellenic Council.

Johanna Avilla was president of the council through the spring 1992 semester. She said that Panhellenic is the governing body of USL's sororities.

"[In Panhellenic] we go over the whole realm of the system," Avilla said. She went on, "You get to interact with others and get to know others outside your own group."

Avilla said that Panhellenic ex-

ists to see that the sororities are functioning properly. She said that the group, which consists of delegates from each sorority, meets to address issues pertaining to USL's sororities.

She said that Panhellenic has held fundraisers such as an "exam kit" filled with candy that they sold to parents of Greek members for their children.

The organization also led the canned-goods drive to assist Food Net, a major food collection and distribution program in Lafayette.

Avilla said that she learned more about individual groups and how they work by serving as president of Panhellenic. Gina Burkhalter learned a similar lesson in her capacity as chairman of the Black Greek Council.

"We try to get the Black Greeks together," Burkhalter said.

She continued that the organization deals with the concerns of Black fraternities and sororities.

Burkhalter said that the group began some years ago, but it really was not well organized until two or three years ago. At that time the group tried to establish a chapter of the national Black Pan-Hellenic Council here at USL.

"We weren't really working together [then]," she said. Since that time, Burkhalter noted, the Black Greek Council has really gotten organized and set groundwork for the national chapter to build on.

According to Burkhalter, the council sponsors Black Greek Expo each fall semester. All Greeks are welcome to come to the event, she said.

The group also hosts a banquet for graduating Black seniors each se-

mester and sponsors the Black Heritage Festival.

The Greek Steering Committee also sponsors a number of Greek events. Elisabeth Wilson was chairman of the committee through December. This joint sub-committee Panhellenic and IFC works to promote the Greek image and better relations between Greek organizations and the university, she said.

Wilson said that two of the committee's primary responsibilities are sponsoring Greek Escapades the fall and Greek Week in the spring.

During Greek Escapades, fraternities and sororities are grouped into groups of three and plan and present skits that follow a theme, Wilson said.

Wilson said that Greek Week includes competition between the Greeks which, according to the chairman, is a lot of fun. She said that the week brings an increased Greek awareness to the USL campus.

The Greek Leadership Conference also worked hard this year to plan a leadership conference they planned to hold in January of '92.

The conference was to consist of sessions on motivation, leadership, scholarship, and Rush, according to Wilson. ■



DANIEL LINCOLN

BLACK GREEK COUNCIL MEMBERS INCLUDE (L TO R) KAREN TAYLOR, ANGELA WHITE, NATHAN PALMER, GINA BURKHALTER, TIMOTHY SPEARS, JOHANNE AVILLA, JORANDAL WATSON, KIM GUILLORY, AND AYAN JACKSON.



DANIEL LINCOLN

MEMBERS OF THE GREEK STEERING COMMITTEE INCLUDED (L TO R) MARK HAN, ELISABETH WILSON, FRANCIS DEBLA, JENNIFER CHAMPAGNE, MICHAEL C. CUCCO, JOHANNA AVILLA, JASON DOOLEY AND H. GOODLY.

By Stella C. Theriot

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ZETA PHI BETA

Zeta Phi Beta is the smallest sorority on USL's campus, but it's big in its influence.

"There's something nice about smallness. It's the sisterhood and being able to visit each other's homes," said Johanna Avilla, chapter president through May 1991.

Avilla said that although the chapter had only about eight active members, those members were quite involved in the Greek activities at USL.

Avilla served as Panhellenic president in 1991, and she served as ex officio member to several other committees, including the Greek Steering Committee and the Black Greek Council.

Avilla said that the thing that sets Zeta Phi Beta apart from the other sororities at USL is the fact that it is the only one constitutionally bound to a fraternity. Phi Beta Sigma is their brother fraternity.

Avilla said that the chapter "adopted" the chil-

dren in the Pediatric Ward at University Medical Center. "We decorate at holidays and visit with the children," she said.

Members of Zeta Phi Beta who are nursing students began prenatal classes for unwed mothers, Avilla said. She said that the classes are held at different locations throughout Lafayette.

The chapter's national project was National Stork's Nest. This project, according to Avilla, also deals with helping children. Zeta Phi Beta's local projects correlate to the national one.

In the fall, Zeta Phi Beta held their annual Blue and White Week. The week's events are planned around the chapter's objectives, Avilla said. Avilla said that each night there was something planned.

Avilla said that the chapter hosted a supper for its graduate chapter in the cafeteria, had a fashion show and had someone speak to them on scholarship. —*Stella C. Theriot*

Small Sorority, Big Heart



Johanna Avilla, Pres., Sr. • Opelousas, La.

Gina Burkhalter, Sr. • Birmingham, Ala.

Kimberly Goodly, Jr. • Lake Charles, La.

Donna Guidry, Sr. • Hammond, La.

Kelli King, Treas., Sr. • Opelousas, La.

Dina Narcisse, Sec., Soph. • St. Martinville, La.

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ALPHA PHI ALPHA

"First of all, Servants to all, We shall transcend all."

This motto is of great significant to the Alpha Phi Alpha's goals and standards. "Those words mean making a difference for people who follow and people who we can serve," said fraternity president Shawn Wilson.

Alphas do exactly what their motto puts forth. According to Wilson, the fraternity participated in a number of community service projects throughout the year.

"We adopted Holy Rosary High through our national program, 'Go to High School, Go To College,'" Wilson said. He said that fraternity members, focusing on the boys from the school, take them places and help them "whenever they need it." He said the fraternity also involves itself with community service projects. The fraternity cleans up Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard as a member of the Lafayette's Clean City Committee.

"King was a member of the fraternity," said Wilson.

He said other nationally recognized members include former Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall, former New Orleans Mayor Ernest Morial and singer/ songwriter Quincy Jones.

Not only does the fraternity promote community service involvement, but campus involvement is a must as well.

Wilson said that if he was not involved in the fraternity he would be less assertive. "I would not be as well known or involved in campus and concerned with campus matters," Wilson said. "I think my brothers feel the same to a certain extent."

Wilson described his fraternity as being "unique" because the fraternity and their brotherhood is always changing. "We have improved throughout the years, considering the challenges and the obstacles we have been faced with." —*Holli Lynn Guidry*

King's Fraternity Promotes High Ideals

John Auzenne, Jr. • Opelousas, La.

Micheal Babalola, Jr. • Lagos, Nigeria

Shawn Q. Bray, Jr. • Jennings, La.

Desi Cryer, Soph. • Amite, La.

Gregory Dobbins, Jr. • New Orleans, La.

Ennis Donald Jr., Sr. • Greensboro, La.

Tim Francis, Sr. • Lafayette, La.

Larry Gordon, Treas., Sr. • Breaux Bridge, La.

Mark Handy, Jr. • Baton Rouge, La.

Charles Hobbs, Historian, Jr. • Lafayette, La.

Robert Jackson, Jr. • Baton Rouge, La.

Elijah Jasper, Jr. • Vintin, La.



Harold Lewis, Jr. • Lake Charles, La.

Sam Lofton, Chaplain, Jr. • DeRidder, La.

*The Order of Omega is an
honor society for the Greek System's
most accomplished*

That's an Order

DURING THE FALL SEMESTER of 1959, fraternity members at the University of Miami formed a group to recognize their elite members. The group then extended to the University of Southern Mississippi eight years later and formed a national organization entitled the Order of Omega.

The organization began accepting women in 1977 and received a charter at USL on April 12, 1984.

"The chapter had been started back in 1984, but it didn't really

by Todd Kleinpeter

become very active. And then I guess for the past three years we've got it reactivated, and we've been initiating people every year since," said Dan Hare. Hare, a Sigma Nu alumni and USL's assistant director of housing, has served as the Order's advisor for nearly three and a half years.

The Order of Omega is USL's Greek honor society. The national constitution and bylaws limit the group to no more than three percent of the Greek population at the respective university. This equates to approximately 30 of the nearly 1,500 Greek members on the USL campus. To be eligible to join the Order of Omega, Greeks must have a cumulative grade point average above the all-Greek average. Candidate for membership must be a junior or senior, and their fraternity must be in good standing.

Once a student meets these requirements, they are offered an invitation which they can use to apply to the group. Once this is done, the board must select approximately 30 Greeks out of around 130 applicants.

The board then takes into account the contributions the individual makes to his or her Greek organization, the IFC or Panhellenic

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Micheal Malveaux, Sr. • Opelousas, La.
Tim Spears, Sr. • New Orleans, La.
Royce Starring, Sr. • Vinton, La.
Lee Eric Thomas, V.P., Sr. • Houston, Texas
Zerrick Wade, Sr. • Bunkie, La.
Jorandal M. Watson, Sr. • New Orleans, La.

Shawn Wilson, Pres., Sr. • New Orleans, La.
Eric Wise, Past Pres., Sr. • New Rhodes, La.
Richard J. Travers, Advisor

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KAPPA ALPHA

Kappa Alpha is not just a fraternity. It's a "a way of life," according to Tim Faul, chapter president.

Faul explained that the members live by a code of ethics.

"We don't try to change people once they pledge KA. We refine them to be more gentleman-like," he said. "We pride ourselves on our treatment of others."

And help others they do.

Kappa Alpha works for the Muscular Dystrophy Association by holding barbecues, raffles, and car washes which bring in about \$800 a year for the organization.

Chivalry and old southern traditions are an integral part of the fraternity. This is apparent during Old South week when members relive the past and unearth their heritage by dressing as Confederate soldiers and having a party at an old plantation home.

"The parties are all week long. After our formal, we

have the lawn party picnic and we dress in our confederate uniforms," member Christian Etienne said. "It is a good opportunity to celebrate why we are in KA."

Faul said he feels that the best thing about Kappa Alpha is the strong bond of brotherhood. "There is a very relaxed feeling here. All of us are different, but we are all still brothers," he said. "We don't produce clones."

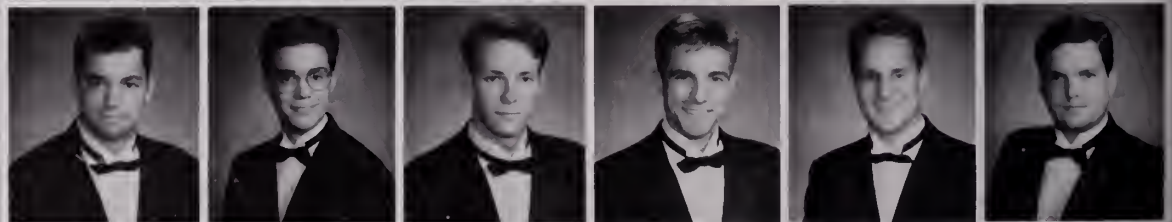
Faul said that the brothers of Kappa Alpha would like to see stronger interfraternity relations. He said they feel that the Greek system needs to be more united and not fight among themselves.

Founded nationally in 1865 at Washington College, now Washington and Lee University, on the teachings of confederate General Robert E. Lee, Kappa Alpha was chartered at USL in 1961 and was the first house on fraternity row. —*Stacy Landreth*

KAs: Different, But Still Brothers

Shane Alfred, Fr. • Morgan City, La.
Kevin Alexander, Jr. • Lafayette, La.
Chad Arceneaux, Jr. • Lafayette, La.
Miles Arceneaux, Pres., Sr. • Lafayette, La.
William Bailey, Soph. • Lafayette, La.
Judd Bares, Fr. • Sulfur, La.

Scott Boutte, Fr. • New Iberia, La.
Al Bow, Soph. • Lafayette, La.
Chris Broussard, Soph. • Lafayette, La.
Donovan Broussard, Fr. • New Iberia, La.
Martin Bujard, Fr. • New Iberia, La.
Todd Cameron, Sr. • Lafayette, La.



Clint Carriere, Fr. • New Iberia, La.
Marc Comeaux, Fr. • Lafayette, La.
Robert Copper, Fr. • Lafayette, La.





Joey Cormier, Soph. • Lafayette, La.
 Alan Corne, Sr. • Lafayette, La.
 Ross Corne, Jr. • Lafayette, La.
 Paul Cortese, Jr. • Lafayette, La.
 Thomas Courtland, Sr. • Berwick, La.
 Stewart Delcambre, Jr. • New Iberia, La.

Jason Dooley, Soph. • Leesville, La.
Clint Elliott, Rec. Sec., Sr. • Lafayette, La.
Christian Etienne, Parl., Soph. • Lafayette, La.
Tim Faul, V.P., Sr. • Carencro, La.
Derek Fontenot, Historian, Soph. • Lafayette, La.
 Jason Foret, Fr. • Lafayette, La.

Michael Foret, Soph. • Lafayette, La.
 Ryan Gagnard, Soph. • New Iberia, La.
 Chris Galagna, Soph. • Austin, Texas
 Scott Garber, Jr. • Lafayette, La.
Enrique Garmendia, Treas., Jr. • Venezuela
 Matthew Gaumer, Soph. • New Orleans, La.

Todd Hargrave, Sr. • New Iberia, La.
 Troy Hebert, Jr. • Lafayette, La.
 David Higginbotham, Sr. • Lautel, La.
 Kerry Johnson, Fr. • Lafayette, La.
 Harlan Kappel, Soph. • Lafayette, La.
 Aden Keeter, Soph. • New Iberia, La.

Scott Keeter, Fr. • New Iberia, La.
 Mark Landry, Jr. • Lafayette, La.
 Brady LeBlanc, Fr. • Lafayette, La.
 Kevin Lecamus, Soph. • New Iberia, La.
 Wendel Leibe, Jr. • New Orleans, La.
 Bryan Marcell, Soph. • Patterson, La.

Micah Martello, Jr. • Lafayette, La.
 Ken McKee, Fr. • Lafayette, La.
 P. Loren Mouravieff, Soph. • Lafayette, La.
 Brent Mouton, Fr. • Baton Rouge, La.
 Brandon Myers, Fr. • Eunice, La.
 Shawn Norris, Fr. • New Iberia, La.

Troy Oubre, Sr. • New Iberia, La.
 Dannon Peterson, Soph. • Lafayette, La.
 Will Pressley, Jr. • Lafayette, La.
 Jonathan Rice, Fr. • Morgan City, La.
 Donnie Richard, Fr. • Eunice, La.
 Jason Romero, Soph. • New Iberia, La.

Stacy Ste. Marie, Rituals, Jr. • Lafayette, La.
Sonny Scruggs, Sgt.-at-Arms, Soph. • Lafayette, La.
 Chad Soileau, Fr. • Eunice, La.
 Bill Soto, Fr. • Peru
 Eddie Talbot, Jr. • Lafayette, La.
 Chuck Tatman, Soph. • Ville Platte, La.

Ben Terrell, Jr. • Lafayette, La.
 Jay Tew, Jr. • Lafayette, La.
 Wallace Trew, Fr. • Lafayette, La.
 Chad Viator, Fr. • New Iberia, La.
 Jason Wetterauer, Soph. • New Iberia, La.
Porter Yax, Corres. Sec., Soph. • Lafayette, La.

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KAPPA ALPHA PSI

Achievement is perpetual process, according to Terrence Pitre, polemarch of Kappa Alpha Psi.

Describing his group's philosophy, Pitre said, "Our members are achievers. We never become satisfied. We always want more. Once you stop seeking achievement, you stop achieving."

In this perpetual quest, members gained ground this year by offering help and encouragement to those in need. Members tutored grade school students through Big Brothers and Big Sisters. They also directed classes and spent time interacting with students at Vermilion Elementary School once a week during the spring semester, an experience Pitre described as "a big uplift."

Pitre explained that since the school has no male teachers, Kappa Alpha Psi members had the opportunity to make a tremendous impact on the students.

"They presented a very positive male image, something most of these children are not accustomed to," said Dorothy Scott, principal of Vermilion Elementary. Scott explained that the majority of the students at her school are from families whose annual income is at or below the poverty level. In addition, many of those students are from homes where the father is absent.

She described Kappa Alpha Psi's interaction with the students as a "win-win" relationship, and added, "No matter how high you go and what you achieve, there will always be someone that you are going to leave behind."

The group's involvement with and concern for these younger students, she said, helped them to build bridges to the members of this lower societal level. —Trent Myers

Children Benefit from Brotherly Love

Edward Angelle, Sr. • Lafayette, La.

Joseph Antoine, Soph. • Lafayette, La.

Markquette Batiste, Treas., Sr. • Houston, Texas

Willie Coleman, Soph. • Lake Charles, La.

Cyrus Crosby, Sr. • Fortworth, Texas

Kendall David, Soph. • Lake Charles, La.

Charlie Foreman, Sr. • Baton Rouge, La.

Shelton Goodman, Sr. • Lafayette, La.

Leon Gray, Fr. • Alexandria, La.

Benard Hurst, V.P., Sr. • New Orleans, La.

George Jenkins, Sec., Soph. • Atlanta, Ga.

Ninas Jenkins, Sr. • Kenner, La.



Sedric Lee, Sr. • Alexandria, La.

Rodney Lloyd, Sr. • Lake Charles, La.

Order of Omega (continued)

"The Order is there to recognize Greeks who show exceptional ability in their organization and the Greek system."

counsel, the university and the community.

Shana Constable, a Kappa Delta, is the president of the group. When asked about the organization, the senior majoring in Pre-Law said, "Basically it's an honor society for the Greeks. We're not a service-oriented organization, so we don't

do a lot of service-oriented projects.

"Mainly it's there to recognize those Greeks who demonstrate an exceptional ability in their fraternity or sorority and the Greek system in whole," Constable explained.

The group did some limited service work this year, however, which included hosting the Greek

Week awards reception and one week's International Coffee hour.

In other business for the year, the group nominated Constable, for the Homecoming Court, to which she was elected.

The organization has three or four meetings a semester and charges a one-time fee of \$25 for a certificate from the national body and a pin.

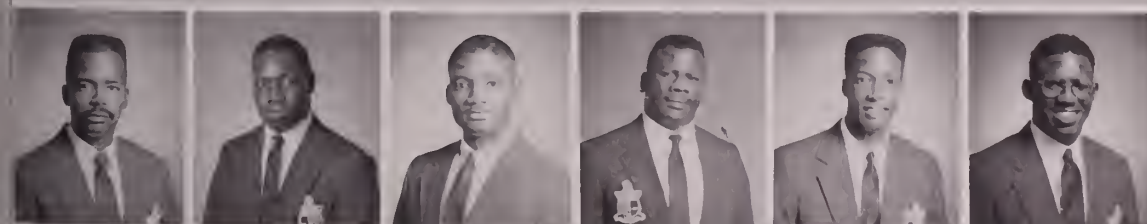
"Most of the members are so involved in other things that it is basically an honor society, but we do try to promote Greeks in general," Hare said. Hare also serves as the advisor of Sigma Nu and Circle K.

All eligible juniors and senior are invited to apply for membership in the order in the spring. ■



JOHN WEIMER

MEMBERS OF THE ORDER OF OMEGA INCLUDE (FRONT ROW, L TO R) KAY THERIOT, CAPRICE DOBY, MELISSA LYONS; (SECOND ROW, L TO R) PRESIDENT SHANA CONSTABLE, GINA LABORDE, MARGARET ARCHILA, KATHRYN GRIMBALL, VICE PRESIDENT JENNIFER CHAMPAGNE, MELISSA BROUSSARD, SECRETARY CASSIE PLOUGH; (THIRD ROW, L TO R) MANDY DUNN, DEBRA HACKNEY, SHAWN WILSON, ERIC WISE AND ADVISER DAN HARE. NOT PICTURED: SHELLIE CONQUES, PEARL CASTILLE, MATT ALONSO, LENORA WOODS, KELLI VALLOT, PAMELA STEPHENS, JACQUES SAUNDERS, JULIE PERRON, JOANA ORTEGO, CLAY NICHOLS, LORI MARTINEZ, AARON MARTIN, MICHELLE DUHON, DENISE DUGAS, DAMON DOUCET, NICOLE DOMINGUE, SUZANNE DESLATTÉ, DEVIN DAVIS, LAURA ADAMS, MYRON ARNAUD, JAMES DUGAN, MELANIE MCGEE, JIM WILLIAMS, SARAH ZAUNBRECHER, TONYA THERIOT, LEE THOMAS, RAFFY MASON, RAYMOND PESSON, DANA WALLACE, BRYAN WOODWARD, ANNE SCOTT BALINGER, LAINA DUTTON, JEFFREY GREMILLION, TROY BROUSSARD, SHAWN BRASHER, CLIFF GAUBERT.



Kevin Mitchell, Sr. • Los Angeles, Calif.
Terence Pitre, Pres., Sr. • New Orleans, La.
Willis Thibeaux, Sr. • Broussard, La.
Donald Thomas, Jr. • White Castle, La.
Gregory Royal, Sr. • New Orleans, La.
John Wolf, Sr. • New Orleans, La.

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LAMBDA CHI ALPHA

In the fall, the men of Lambda Chi Alpha bested all other male Greek organizations with their collective grade point average of 2.55.

Topping the other fraternities was a rebound for the group. In the spring, its GPA had ranked it near the bottom of the list. According to Assistant Dean of Student Services Jay Domingue, the Lambda Chis were under "tremendous pressure" from their national office to improve their grades. "They had a 2.3," he said. "So, they weren't in trouble, they just needed to pick it up."

The group's participation in numerous philanthropic activities may have contributed to its lower grade point average in the spring.

For the annual Charity Bowl, members competed with Sigma Nu in the fundraising football game. They won, and in the process generated

\$2,000, which was given to the Fireman's Relief Fund to aid Lafayette families whose homes have been destroyed by flames.

A spring social with Tri-Sigma sorority was used as an opportunity to reach out to hospitalized youngsters. Everyone attending the event brought a wrapped gift. According to President Jamie Reilly, two members of each group delivered the gifts to children at University Medical Center.

Lambda Chi members also logged 150 hours with the Volunteer Fire Dept. and 60 hours cleaning up Johnston Street. During a campus blood drive, members donated 10 pints.

The group's good deeds did not go unnoticed. In April, members were presented with USL's Philanthropic Award in recognition of their plethora of benevolent actions. —Trent Myers

Brothers Lead Fraternities in Grades

Chris Achee, Jr. • Franklin, La.

Eric Anderson, Alumni Coor., Jr. • New Iberia, La.

Myron Arnaud, Jr. • Lafayette, La.

Mike Babin, Fr. • Baton Rouge, La.

Chance Babin, V.P., Jr. • Gonzales, La.

James Babin, Soph. • Gonzales, La.

Jason Babin, Fr. • Lafayette, La.

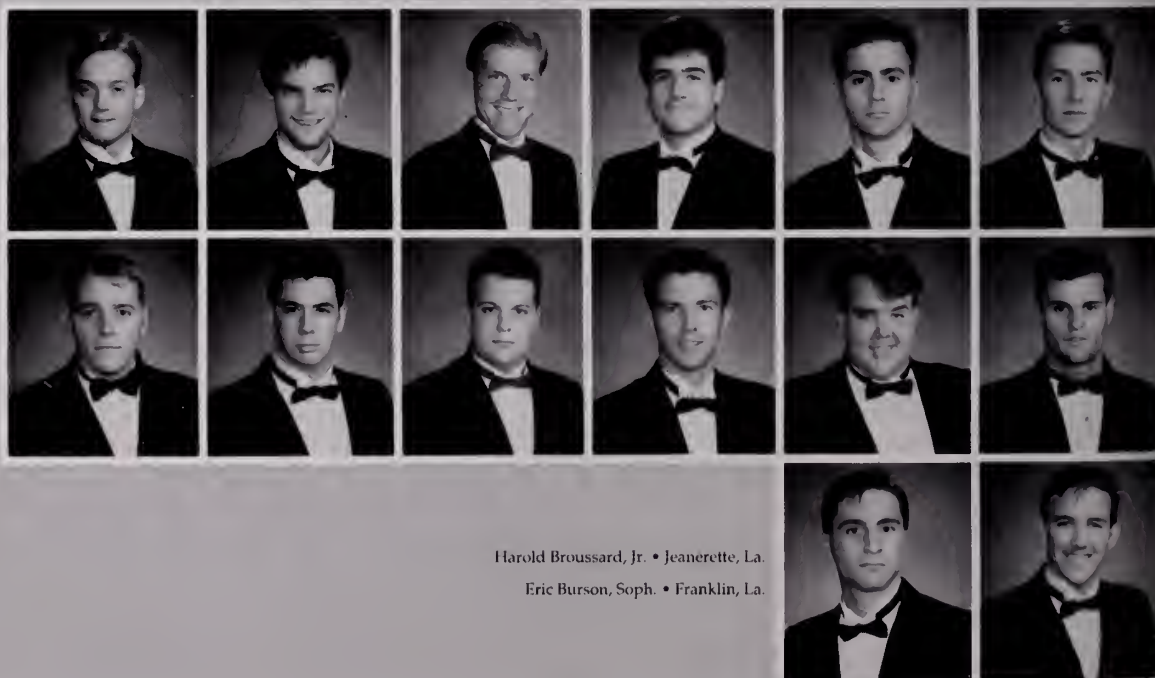
John Bell, Fr. • Gonzales, La.

Dallas Bloom, Sr. • Lafayette, La.

Kyle Borne, Soph. • New Orleans, La.

David Brock, Rush Chair., Soph. • Morgan City, La.

Brent Broussard, Soph. • Buras, La.



Harold Broussard, Jr. • Jeanerette, La.

Eric Burson, Soph. • Franklin, La.



Billy Webb, Fr. • Lafayette, La.

Aaron Zeraugue, Frat. Educator, Jr. • Lafayette, La.

Danny Cedotal, Sr. • White Castle, La.
Joseph Costello, Sec., Jr. • River Ridge, La.
 Jay Delahoussaye, Fr. • New Orleans, La.
 Ross Dooley, Jr. • Jeanerette, La.
Jeffrey Doss, Scholarship Chair., Soph. • Lafayette, La.
 Emery Dupuis, Sr. • New Orleans, La.

Phillip Fontenot, Treas., Soph. • Franklin, La.
Mitch Gautreaux, Chancellor, Jr. • Lafayette, La.
 Vincent Gilcrease, Fr. • Lafayette, La.
 Todd Gonzalez, Sr. • New Orleans, La.
 Jamie Josa, Soph. • Lafayette, La.
Phay Keohavong, Ritualists, Soph. • New Orleans, La.

Charles Kibbe, Risk Manager, Soph. • New Iberia, La.
 Jeffery King, Fr. • Lafayette, La.
 Thomas LeBlanc, Jr. • Franklin, La.
 Craig Lebourgears, Soph. • Lafayette, La.
 Ray Lucas, Jr. • Lafayette, La.
 Phillip Manson, Fr. • New Orleans, La.

Michael Matte, Social Chair., Soph. • Lafayette, La.
 Gary McCulla, Jr. • New Orleans, La.
 Joel Miller, Jr. • Franklin, La.
 Reid Miller, Soph. • Franklin, La.
 Stephen Pettis, Sr. • Baton Rouge, La.
 Mike Prejean, Sr. • Lafayette, La.

Jamie Reilly, Pres., Sr. • Abbeville, La.
 Matthew Resweber, Soph. • St. Rose, La.
 Christopher Richardson, Soph. • Lafayette, La.
 George Rigney, Jr. • New Orleans, La.
 Doug Roberie, Fr. • Baton Rouge, La.
 Troy Smith, Soph. • Buras, La.

Craig Tennison, Jr. • Lafayette, La.
 Eric Tober, Sr. • Slidell, La.
 Linh Tran, Fr. • New Iberia
 Shane Treadaway, Fr. • Lafayette, La.
 Daniel Ulrich, Jr. • New Orleans, La.
 Christopher Vidrine, Soph. • Lafayette, La.

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PHI KAPPA THETA

"Dare to dominate," the phrase coined by member Kenny Hunter, became Phi Kappa Theta's theme in 1991, according to chapter President Brian Taylor who was elected to his post in late 1991.

Taylor said that his fraternity takes pride in dominating all areas of fraternity involvement. He said that Phi Kappa Theta won the 1991 Dean's Award for best all-around fraternity.

"We're usually on top," Taylor said.

Taylor said that the one thing that stands out about his fraternity is its brotherhood. "We are all close friends, and when somebody needs you, you help," he said.

Besides helping their fellow brothers, the fraternity members are involved with several service projects. Phi Kappa Theta teams up annually with Kappa Delta sorority for a seesaw benefit for the Lafayette Children's Shelter. This year's event brought in close to \$3,000.

Taylor said that the fraternity received a Christmas card

from the shelter, thanking them for the funds they raised. "Helping others makes you feel good," he said.

Taylor was not at USL in the spring because he was activated in Desert Storm. "We were the most activated fraternity on campus," he said.

Devin Davis was president of Phi Kappa Theta then. He said that the "brotherhood during this time really brought the chapter closer together."

Although PKT had 12 members activated to serve in the war effort, Davis said that the fraternity was the fastest growing and most achieved on campus.

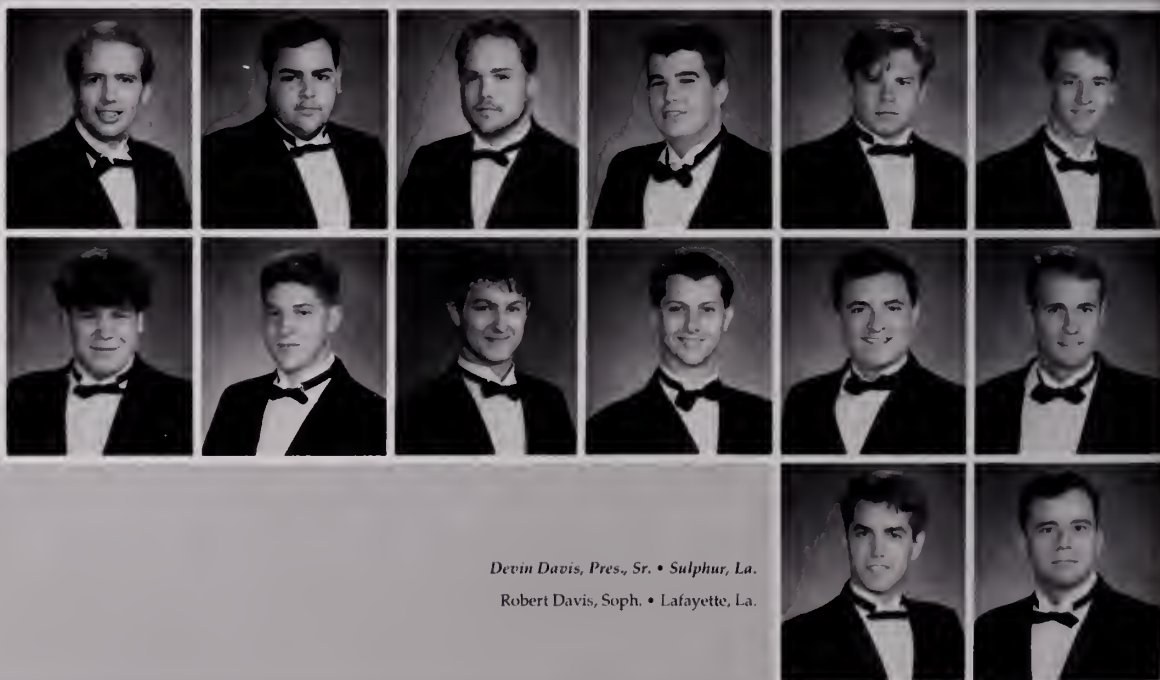
The chapter ended the year by receiving the President's Award from the PKT national chapter for achievements in recruitment and for becoming the fastest growing fraternity on campus.

In addition to the cascade of honors, PKT enjoyed a milestone anniversary this year. The oldest USL fraternity, it celebrated 50 years on campus. —Stella C. Theriot

Brothers Dare To Dominate

John Barker, Sr. • Eunice, La.
Alex Barreneche, Soph. • Metairie, La.
Erik Belson, Sr. • Lafayette, La.
John Bergeron, Fr. • Lafayette, La.
John Bonin, Soph. • Jennings, La.
Lance Brunning, Fr. • Covington, La.

Tom Bush, Soph. • Metairie, La.
Jim Cain, Soph. • Pearl River, La.
Kurt Cazayoux, Sr. • Breaux Bridge, La.
Michel Cazayoux, Jr. • Breaux Bridge, La.
Bryan Cook, Sr. • Slidell, La.
Jacques Couvillion, V.P., Sr. • Cow Island, La.



Devin Davis, Pres., Sr. • Sulphur, La.
Robert Davis, Soph. • Lafayette, La.



Francis DeBlanc, Soph. • New Orleans, La.
 Glen Denehie, Soph. • Lafayette, La.
 Brandon Dever, Fr. • Sulphur, La.
 Gerald Doucet, Sr. • Jennings, La.
 Chris Dunn, Fr. • Lake Charles, La.
 Todd Dupont, Soph. • Houston, Texas

Perry Everett, Sr. • Lafayette, La.
Lony Fabre, Sec., Soph. • Luling, La.
 William Franco, Soph. • New Orleans, La.
 Curtis Galloway, Fr. • Houston, Texas
 Chris Guillot, Fr. • Bunkie, La.
 Devin Harrison, Jr. • Breaux Bridge, La.

Gregory Hebert, Jr. • Thibodeaux, La.
 Jude Hebert, Fr. • Breaux Bridge, La.
 Timothy Holland, Fr. • Metairie, La.
 Richard Hotard, Fr. • Thibodeaux, La.
 Kenneth Hunter, Soph. • New Orleans, La.
 Myron Istre, Sr. • Gueydan, La.

Nathan Jagneaux, Fr. • Sulphur, La.
Chad Lavidette, House Mgr., Soph. • Breaux Bridge, La.
Shane LeBlanc, Treas., Jr. • Jennings, La.
 Patrick Leonard, Jr. • Marrero, La.
 Ryan Leonard, Fr. • Marrero, La.
 Bryan Lubrano, Soph. • Slidell, La.

Vincent Mashchcia, Soph. • New Orleans, La.
 Mike McCullough, Sr. • New Orleans, La.
 Cris McGuffee, Sr. • Lafayette, La.
 Sal Miceli, Sr. • New Orleans, La.
 Marc Moseley, Fr. • Houston, La.
 Joseph Nall, Sr. • Lafayette, La.

Robbie Orgeron, Fr. • Harvey, La.
 Scott Patin, Fr. • Iota, La.
 Edward Philippe, Sr. • Lafayette, La.
 Mark Riley, Fr. • Houston, Texas
 Arthur Romero, Jr. • Houston, Texas
 Ben Rushing, Sr. • Lafayette, La.

Tony Saleme, Sr. • Morgan City, La.
 Jonathan Sandoz, Sr. • New Iberia, La.
 John Taggart, Fr. • Houston, Texas
 Brian Taylor, Jr. • Breaux Bridge, La.
 Jeff Trosclair Fr. • Breaux Bridge, La.
 Brent Willson, Soph. • Baton Rouge, La.

Keith Wise, Soph. • New Orleans, La.
 Earl Hollier, Alumni Advisor
 James LaPointe, Advisor
 Craig Melancon, Dist. Gov.
 Nicole Blanco, Sweetheart
 Amy Klingman, Ruby

Renee Miller, Ruby
 Melissa Monson, Ruby
 Rebecca Pertuit, Ruby

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SIGMA ALPHA EPSILON

"The True Gentleman," a poem by John Walter Wayland, has become Sigma Alpha Epsilon's creed, which its members hold close to their hearts. According to SAE President Cyril Clark, the words promote the idea of becoming a true gentleman.

"A true gentleman is perfect, and no one can be perfect. But when one member falls short in the ideas of the true gentleman, another member can pick him up," Clark said.

Along with SAE's creed, the brothers cherish the rich diversity of personalities and interests among the fraternity's membership.

"You can combine so many diverse people from areas around the state, country and Lafayette and still have the same common ideas and values of what it is to be in a fraternity," Clark said.

This kind of interaction with different kinds of people provides SAEs with an advantage, according to the president, because one's circle of friends and colleagues outside of college will likely include individuals with ideas and values different from oneself.

"You need to accept others for who they are and not judge them just because they are not like you," Clark said. He added that his fraternity accomplishes this by treating members as individuals, rather than a collective whole.

"SAE gives everyone the opportunity to do what they want without holding them back," Clark said.

Amid all this diversity, there is at least one thing that every brother has in common. SAEs share the thrill of achievement, having won several awards last year, including a risk management award from their nationals and the "Outstanding Pledge Program" award from IFC. And Clark said that SAE likes to be the first to execute new ideas in areas that range from socials to philanthropy.

This year's accomplishments included a highly successful alumni gathering, an equally fruitful Parents' Day and a philanthropy project which included weekly trips to a local home for the elderly.

Clark concluded, "We don't claim to be better, but different. We just try to be the leaders who make the difference." —*Holli Lynn Guidry*

SAEs Strive to be True Gentlemen

James Albert, Fr. • Metairie, La.
Marcel Allbritton, Sr. • Opelousas, La.
Brian Alleman, Jr. • Gretna, La.
Douglas Autin, Soph. • Lafayette, La.
Chris Banko, Sr. • Belle Chasse, La.
Benjamin Biggs, Sr. • New Orleans, La.

Joey Burson, Soph. • Houma, La.
Richard Buswell, Jr. • Lafayette, La.
Javier Cadena, Jr. • Bogota, Colombia
Leo Castanjo, Jr. • Opelousas, La.
David Cerami, Fr. • Baton Rouge, La.
Mark Chavez, Sr. • Littleton, Colo.



Cyril Clark, Sec., Soph. • Marrero, La.
Chance Cortez, Sr. • Reserve, La.
Kevin Cox, Fr. • Lafayette, La.





Michael Cuccia, Sr. • Covington, La.
 Jay David, Sr. • Lake Arthur, La.
 David Dickson, Fr. • Belle Chase, La.
 Todd Doise, Soph. • Lafayette, La.
 Mike Drake, Jr. • Port Gibson, Miss.
Terrance Dupuy, V.P., Sr. • Marksville, La.

John Fortier, Jr. • New Iberia, La.
James Gessner, Pres., Jr. • New Orleans, La.
 Jose Gonzalez, Sr. • Cali, Colombia
 Jeff Grenullion, Sr. • Ferriday, La.
Albert Gueniot, Warden, Soph. • Houma, La.
 Brandon Guidry, Sr. • Lafayette, La.

Stephen Guidry, Sr. • Houma, La.
 Gabriel Guzman, Sr. • Barrinquille, Colombia
 Daniel Handschin, Sr. • Lafayette, La.
 Calvin Harper, Fr. • Lafayette, La.
 Jeffrey Hayden, Jr. • Luling, La.
 Kevin Hooper, Fr. • Lafayette, La.

Matthew Koss, Sr. • Lafayette, La.
Kyle Landwehr, Herald, Jr. • Lafayette, La.
 Jeremy Leake, Fr. • Gretna, La.
 Mike LeBlanc, Jr. • Houma, La.
 Michael Letterman, Soph. • Fort Worth, Texas
 Ryan Letulle, Jr. • Opelousas, La.

John Light, Treas., Jr. • Bogalusa, La.
Steven Mathias, Corr. Sec., Soph. • Lafayette, La.
 Cunliffe McBee, Jr. • New Orleans, La.
 John Morgan, Gr. • New Orleans, La.
 Michael Noel, Fr. • New Orleans, La.
 Sami Parbhoo, Soph. • Baton Rouge, La.

Daniel Perkins, Jr. • Leesville, La.
 Jason Phillips, Soph. • Arabi, La.
 James Pontiff, Sr. • Lafayette, La.
 Philip Prejean, Sr. • Houma, La.
 Dewayne Shirah, Soph. • Pearl River, La.
 Dwayne Sibille, Jr. • Luling, La.

Floyd Simeon, Soph. • Mandeville, La.
 Raoul Trosclair, Jr. • Opelousas, La.
 Chad Trotti, Jr. • Leesville, La.
 Chris Vincent, Soph. • Lafayette, La.
 David Womack, Soph. • Lafayette, La.
 Shane Zentner, Sr. • Littleton, Colo.

Michelle Boudreaux, Court
 Paige Cline, Court
 Tricia Coco, Court
 Deandra Guey, Court
 Patricia Hebert, Court
 Andrea Hollinger, Court

Rebecca Koon, Court
 Liz McDaniel, Court
 Alison Reueire, Court
 Denise Sibille, Court
 Julie Todd, Court
 Gretchen Wyble, Court

Hazing has come under fire by Greek administrators at USL and across the state, but some students say it still happens

In the Name of Brotherhood

THIS YEAR IN LOUISIANA, university administrators and representatives of fraternities on the national level proved that they mean business when it comes to stopping hazing. But, according to some students, it still goes on.

In November, a leading fraternity at Northeast Louisiana University in Monroe was the subject of fierce, no-nonsense action by their nationals when it was determined that the chapter had engaged in hazing its pledges. Kappa Sigma's national office took "very rare" disciplinary action on its NLU chapter when all the active members were expelled and replaced by the pledges they had hazed, according to Robert Finke, national director of chapter operations for the fraternity.

Based on a series of unusual events, Brit Katz, coordinator of campus programming at NLU, called the Kappa Sigma national office in Charlottesville, Va., and asked officials there if they would look into possible hazing in the Monroe chapter. The events included a "precipitous drop" in the chapter's number of pledges

*By Jeff Gremillion
with additional reporting by Jennifer Juneau*

and some anonymous phone call warning that hazing was occurring in the fraternity. Both came on the heels of an "extended probation" that the Kappa Sigs had endured for another infraction, according to Katz.

Mark Rayner, who was a Kappa Sigma pledge at that time, said the probation Katz mentioned was levied following a fight with another NLU fraternity two years previously that left some men hospitalized. And he confirmed the drop in the number of pledges, saying the class had begun 41 men strong but had dwindled to 20 by the end of November.

After hearing from Katz, the Virginia headquarters dispatched a district officer to investigate. Rayner said that when the news was broken to the fraternity that they were under investigation for hazing, active members contacted him and his pledge brothers and instructed them to deceive the national representative — to be dishonest about the hazing that had gone on.

But Kappa Sigma national headquarters would not be fooled. When, after a series of interviews with both actives and pledges, it was determined that "very serious hazing" had indeed transpired, action was swift and strong, according to Finke.

Every active member of the NLU chapter was expelled, meaning they were no longer recognized as Kappa Sigmans. Finke said the extreme measures were warranted because hazing had been "malicious" and "widespread." He said that the hazing had been a chapter activity and not the work of a few Kappa Sigma renegades.

Rayner, a 20-year-old NLU junior, confirmed that what he and his pledge brothers were put through was severe. Reluctant to give specifics about the more extreme incidents, Rayner described the hazing as both "physical and mental." He said that



DANIEL LINCOLN

(PHOTO ILLUSTRATION) THE COST OF HAZING IS HIGH; IT COST THE ACTIVES AT NLU'S KAPPA SIGMA CHAPTER THEIR BADGES. AND GREEK ADMINISTRATORS PROMISE THE PRICE WILL CONTINUE TO RISE SHARPLY UNTIL HAZING IS HISTORY.

and his fellow pledges were often denied sleep, made to enter the fraternity house through the back door rather than the front and were "depersonalized" by constantly being addressed with such derogatory nicknames as "buttfuck" rather than their names. Rayner also described an episode when one of his pledge brothers was made to push a broken lawn mower around the yard for an hour while simulating the sound of a running mower.

Rayner, who said he and his fellow pledges were promised during rush that Kappa Sigma didn't

haze, attempted to generalize on the nature of the more severe hazing. He said that "paddling" was involved and that "some guys were even urinated on."

Following the mass expulsions, Rayner and his pledge brothers became the new NLU Kappa Sigma fraternity. The day all the actives were expelled, Kappa Sigma nationals took away the NLU chapter's charter. The next day they gave it back and initiated the pledges that had been hazed as the new members of Kappa Sigma.

Rayner, who was elected as

the new active president, said, "A lot of the former guys are mad." He said many of them try to pick fights with the new Kappa Sigs when they meet on campus or out in town.

Finke said that, in the days following the decision of the national fraternity, the NLU Kappa Sigma house was "vandalized and eventually burned." The director said he would "bet money" that the culprits were angry ex-Kappa Sigs.

Rayner and Katz both had tales to tell about how the expelled Kappa

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SIGMA NU

"No matter where you go, you see a Sigma Nu."

This principle, according to Treasurer Brent Broussard, is one of the most noteworthy facts of Sigma Nu. "We, along with the entire Greek system, display the largest amount of school spirit because of our numbers," Broussard said.

Founded in 1869 at Virginia Military Institute and chartered at USL in 1963, Sigma Nu has become the largest Greek organization on campus. They pride themselves on their staying power, which was proved when they won Homecoming Sweepstakes and were all-sports champions again this year.

The purpose of the fraternity is to provide a stimulating social environment and foster lasting friendships. Sigma Nu brothers also learn to deal with financial responsibilities and with people in a business-like manner, to cooperate in team effort and to become aware of the community and

college around them. They strive to ever increase their community service, which already includes the adopt-a-road program and working for the Trappey House for autistic children.

Parties are important to every fraternity, and Sigma Nu is no exception. The blowouts include Krewe of Nu, the week-long White Rose formal, an end-of-the-world party and a Christmas party.

"We transformed the entire yard into a tropical paradise for End of the World. We had a great time and no one went home dry!" said active Jamie Babineaux.

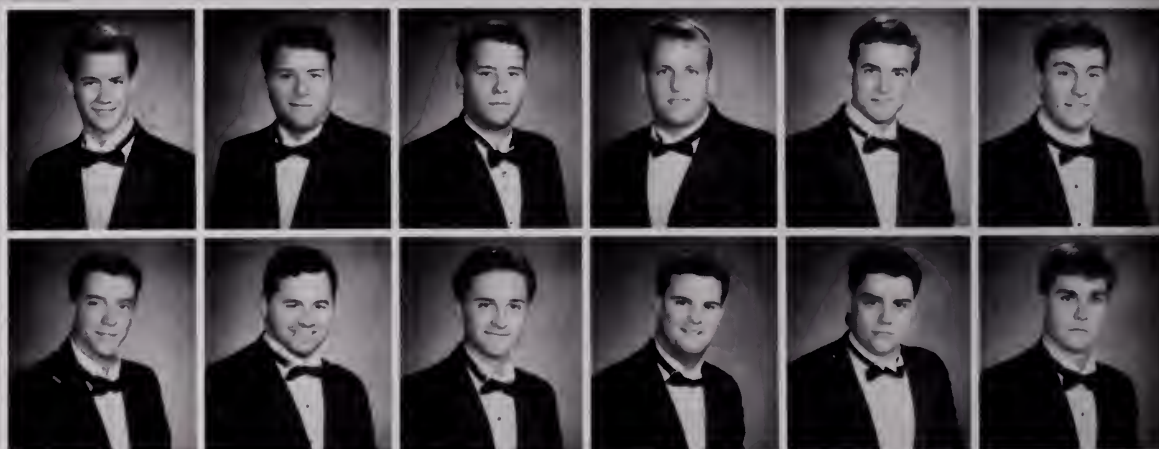
According to Broussard, parties aren't as important to Sigma Nu members as their "sense of brotherhood." He declined to elaborate.

"It can't be explained, only experience it," Broussard said. —*Stacy Landreth & Kathy Williams*

Big Numbers a Plus For Chapter

Rob Allums, Soph. • Lafayette, La.
Brad Andrus, Jr. • Church Point, La.
Jade Andrus, Soph. • Church Point, La.
Mark Barker, Soph. • Ball, La.
Michael Barker, Sr. • Ball, La.
Blaine Barrilleaux, Jr. • Lafayette, La.

Judd Bearb, Jr. • New Iberia, La.
Jamie Brady, Sr. • Reserve, La.
Brent Broussard, Treas., Jr. • Lafayette, La.
Marc Broussard, Sr. • Lafayette, La.
Lindsey Cahanin, Fr. • Mandeville, La.
Shannon Cain, Jr. • Lafayette, La.



In Loving Memory • Shadd Rayner LeBlanc

Parrish Cline, Fr. • Rayne, La.
Kent Colligan, Jr. • Church Point, La.





Chad Daigle, Recorder, Jr. • Lafayette, La.

Erik Drewry, Soph. • Lafayette, La.

James Dugan, Sr. • Houma, La.

Robbie Faucheux, Sr. • LaPlace, La.

Paul Fink, Fr. • Opelousas, La.

Jody Fontenot, Sr. • Lafayette, La.

Matt Fontenot, Sr. • Opelousas, La.

Patrick Fontenot, Soph. • Jennings, La.

Kevin Fromenthal, Fr. • Lafayette, La.

Monty Gosnell, Sr. • New Iberia, La.

David Guidry, Fr. • Scott, La.

Travis Guidry, Fr. • Scott, La.

Kevin Guillory, Sr. • Lafayette, La.

Trey Haik, Soph. • New Iberia, La.

Anthony Hebert, Jr. • Thibodeaux, La.

Stuart Hebert, Soph. • Lafayette, La.

Charles Hulin, Jr. • Erath, La.

Sean Kramer, Soph. • Welsh, La.

Paul Kreamer, Soph. • Lafayette, La.

Ray Lavergne, Fr. • Rayne, La.

Keith Leger, Sr. • Lafayette, La.

Jonathan Lightfoot, Pledge Marshall, Jr. • Welsh, La.

Brandon Moore, Sr. • Welsh, La.

Patrick O'Bryan, Sr. • Erath, La.

Steven O'Bryan, Fr. • Erath, La.

Raymond Pesson, Sr. • Broussard, La.

Chad Phares, Jr. • Abbeville, La.

Sean Reid, Jr. • Lafayette, La.

Donald Roberie, Jr. • Welsh, La.

John Robicheaux, Sr. • Delcambre, La.

Jarret Robison, Fr. • Franklin, Texas

Craig Rogers, Soph. • Houma, La.

Brent Romero, E.C. Elect, Sr. • New Iberia, La.

Chad Romero, V.P., Jr. • Lafayette, La.

Craig Sagrera, Fr. • Abbeville, La.

Michael Scarborough, Sr. • Baton Rouge, La.

Troy Sharon, Sr. • Lafayette, La.

Tim Sonnier, Sr. • Lafayette, La.

Jack Stelly, Pres., Sr. • Lafayette, La.

Luke St. Pierre, Sr. • Lafayette, La.

Dammon Stutes, Sr. • Crowley, La.

Herman Thibeaux, Jr. • Broussard, La.

Scott Thomas, Fr. • Rayne, La.

Mary Beth Aucoin, Maid

Angelle Landry, White Rose

Jackie Landry, Maid

Hazing (continued)

"How can you treat someone like an inferior one day and then call him your brother the next?"

Sigas are blaming everyone but themselves for their troubles. Katz said he had been accused early on in the investigation process of having something personally against Kappa Sigma and that that bad will motivated his call to nationals. Rayner said that the former fraternity men also blame the new Kappa Sigs, alleging that they made the anonymous phone calls Katz said he received. Rayner even said that a rumor is circulating among the exiled brothers that an active from among their own ranks — a man who was repulsed by the severe hazing he saw in his fraternity — had made the notorious calls to the NLU administration.

Finke said that he made it clear to the former Kappa Sigmas that any former actives interested in appealing nationals' decision were welcome. He said that he had received no notable response. The director said that the old guys probably don't want to be a part of the new Kappa Sigma. He speculated that those men "didn't value their brotherhood." They valued hazing, which Finke said has nothing to do with brotherhood.

Rayner blamed hazing itself more than the men who had engaged in the activity which is condemned by every national fraternity. He said that, because hazing had been a strong tradition at his chapter, it was "all they knew." He said that hazing seemed to be the basis for whatever bond the members had.

"They all got together to haze

somebody," the president said.

Finke said that a bond built on hazing is not a good one.

"How can you treat someone like an inferior one day and then call him your brother the next?" Finke asked. He said that being a Kappa Sigma is not about "going through pain for four months or six months." He explained that being a Kappa Sigma "takes a lot of work for a number of years." In short, it's about being a good active throughout one's college days, not enduring hazing as a pledge.

Furthermore, Finke described hazing as "dangerous and immoral," and said that Kappa Sigma is not the only fraternity whose nationals are coming down hard on hazing. "Every national fraternity is putting its best foot forward to combat hazing."

Rayner said that, in the new fraternity, there will be "no hazing under any circumstances." He said the chapter's new method for training pledge classes, which he called "brotherhood development" classes, will focus more on the qualities of the individual pledges. He said that the old hazing method dwelled on the solidarity of the pledges as a group — pledge class unity — and did not seek to draw out the unique worth of each man.

Katz, who described Rayner as an "outstanding leader," pledged full support for the new fraternity. "Our administration wishes to support the chapter and its leaders," he stated, "by providing whatever re-

sources and professional assistance needed in reaching their fullest potential."

IN THE SPRING AT USL, the Greek system was stunned when Theta fraternity, an old and respected component of USL's Greek force, was busted for hazing.

Only weeks after being initiated into Theta Xi, Stuart Sanders went to USL administrators with horror stories about "Hell Week," time when Sanders and his pledge brothers were reportedly hazed several days just prior to initiation.

In a statement to Student Personnel, Sanders said that he and others were forced to do a variety of menial and humiliating tasks, which included reciting "lewd and vulgar nicknames, carrying around skinned dead animals and doing physical exercise in awkward and uncomfortable places. All the while, Sanders contended, the pledges were fed a limited diet which included pickled pork lips, were denied adequate sleep and personal hygiene, and were covered with substances ranging from spray paint to petroleum jelly.

Sanders added that the activities involved in the hazing were usually drinking heavily.

Bryan Woodward, who was elected president of Theta Xi a year after the Sanders incident, said Sanders' version of what occurred during the Hell Week was greatly exaggerated and even blatantly dishonest times. But an investigation of the allegations was conducted.

Following the investigation, the national office of Theta Xi and Tony Domingue, advisor to USL fraternities, concluded that some hazing had gone on and worked together on what action to take.

According to sources inside the fraternity, a number of individuals were dealt with, having their privilege to hold fraternity office and live in the fraternity house taken away.

for a year. In addition, the length of time a man must maintain status as a pledge in the fraternity has been reduced from a whole semester to five days.

Domingue, Woodward and others said that Theta Xi is now a model fraternity trying desperately to put the excesses of the past behind them once and for all. And they want it made clear that Theta Xi is not the only group to be caught red-

SOME STUDENTS WOULD agree with Domingue's statement that hazing is slipping into secrecy rather than his statement about its decline. A number of fraternity men admitted, off the record, that hazing is alive and well at USL.

A former USL fraternity pledge, who asked to remain anonymous, said that he quit the fraternity a week before he went active because of hazing. Now he wonders

to be released. But when the time began ticking, the active members kicked the chips around the room, making it impossible for the pledges to finish their task.

This activity fits at least two of the 15 kinds of hazing explicitly described in the USL anti-hazing policy. "Morally degrading or humiliating games or any other activities that make an individual the object of amusement, ridicule or intimidation" and "all forms of physical activity not part of an organized, voluntary athletic contest or not specifically directed toward constructive work" are both clearly hazing.

The former pledge added that he was once forced to drink Maalox mixed with ketchup. He and his fellow pledges were also forced to clean the local fraternity house from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. with few breaks.

"The term 'brotherhood' is pushed to the limit," he said. "I haven't known any fraternity on the row that hasn't used a form of hazing to bond."

Chance Cortez, president of the USL Interfraternity Council, said of the organization he leads, "We are not blind to the fact that some hazing still exists on campus." He said that IFC is "very limited in a real way to prevent it."

He offered some hope, however, saying "We are not totally helpless."

Cortez said the IFC will work with Domingue and the administration to educate fraternity members on "why hazing should be stopped."

In the mean time, university administrators at NLU and at USL have promised that they will continue to treat hazing as a serious problem which those who care about the future of the Greek system must work together to solve. And the Kappa Sigma national office agrees.

"Hazing is like a cancer," Finke said. "You gotta keep cutting it out."



blinded.

"All fraternities on campus have had a problem at one time," Domingue said. "It's hard to get rid of hazing because it's a tradition." Domingue added that he thinks hazing is on the decline at USL.

"Either it's declining or groups are doing a damn good job of hiding it," Domingue contended. He added that perhaps the nature of the hazing is changing "from physical to mental," which the advisor insisted was still a serious form of hazing. He said that any style of hazing is "not respecting of human dignity" and, therefore, will not be tolerated.

why he stayed as long as he did.

"Why the hell did I not just quit?" the former pledge asked. "You felt like you had to [endure the hazing] or you'd be a wimp."

The former pledge described an episode when his pledge class was taken to a fraternity house in Baton Rouge. There they were forced to strip down to their underwear and do "calisthenics."

According to the disillusioned young man, the active members then threw "about a thousand" poker chips onto the floor and gave the pledges one minute to sort them by color. If they succeeded, they were

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SIGMA PI

"The most important thing we've done this semester is work on getting chartered," said Wally Manuel, treasurer of Sigma Pi fraternity.

According to President Woody Coleman, the fraternity was originally chartered at USL in the 1940s, but it went inactive in 1956. In 1988, the chapter got cranked up again and has been working toward getting chartered ever since.

"We have to prove that we're a constructive fraternity," Coleman said, adding that they've been working on educating the fraternity, maintaining grades and participating in community service projects.

Sigma Pi's national philanthropy is multiple sclerosis. The fraternity participated in a fund-raiser called "can shake" in which they collected change in cans for the organization. Sigma Pi also participated in local community service such as adopt-a-road and tutoring children at Vermilion Elementary School.

The fraternity also has worked hard to renovate their new fraternity house, which is located behind Bisbano's

Pizza in the old Phi Kappa Psi house. According to Coleman, the fraternity rented the house to have a central location for the group.

"If someone wanted to see what we're like, they can drop in. It's like a petri dish," Coleman said. He added that any member of the fraternity can live in the house, but those with seniority get first choice.

Sigma Pi is the only USL fraternity with both black and white members. Coleman attributes this to the fact that there are few alumni to tell them who can or cannot be accepted into the fraternity. He added, however, that Sigma Pi functions as any other fraternity on campus.

"The purpose of our fraternity is to help young men become better people," Coleman said. "We try to amplify the good and trim the bad." He added that the fraternity encourages skills and talents of its members.

"If a member is a good student, we try to use that. If a member is a good athlete, we try to use that as well," he said. — *Jennifer Juneau*

Chapter Works To Earn Charter

Luis Acevedo, Soph. • Baton Rouge, La.

Gregory Badeaux, Soph. • New Iberia, La.

Gregory Batiste, Fr. • Abbeville, La.

Peter Benoit, Sr. • Thibodeaux, La.

Terry Braun, Soph. • New Orleans, La.

Jason Breaux, Jr. • New Iberia, La.

Jerrold Breaux, Fr. • New Iberia, La.

Nick Boundoumis, Fr. • Gary, Ind.

Atwood Coleman, Jr., Pres., Sr. • New Orleans, La.

Barron Coleman, Sr. • New Orleans, La.

Adam Danner, Historian, Fr. • New Orleans, La.

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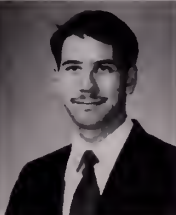


Interfraternity Council

MEMBERS OF THE INTERFRATERNITY COUNCIL INCLUDE (TOP TO BOTTOM) PAUL BERNSTEIN, LARRY BELL, STEPHEN GAUTHIER, STEVEN MATHIAS, SHAWN WILSON, RICHARD PRESTON, TERRENCE PITRE, LEON GRAY, JAMIE REILLY, THOMAS EASTMAN, CYRIL CLARK, PRESIDENT CHANCE CORTEZ, MATTHEW RESWEBER, CRAIG MINNICK, SCOTT GARBER, TODD DUPONT, SEAN KRAMER, HARLAN KAPPEL, DEAN JAY DOMINGUE, ADEN KETTER, ANTHONY HEBERT, FRANCIS DEBLANC AND BRYAN WOODWARD. (SEE STORY PAGE 150.)



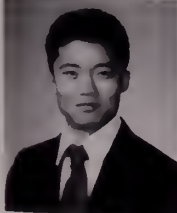
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Norman Guidry, Jr., Soph. • Abbeville, La.
Jarred Gullick, Soph. • Centerville, La.
Jeffrey Hargroder, Jr., V.P., Sr. • Lafayette, La.



Thomas Jubb, Sr. • Blacksburg, Va.
Joel Lewis, Fr. • Morgan City, La.
Wallace Manuel, Treas., Sr. • Metairie, La.
Craig Minnick, Fr. • New Orleans, La.
Andre Mitchell, Soph. • New Iberia, La.
Jorge Peng, Jr. • Panama City, Panama



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Wendell Rochon, Soph. • New Iberia, La.
Christopher Rodrigue, Fr. • New Iberia, La.
Dawson Rodriguez, Jr., Sr. • Gonzales, La.
Lloyd Sigue III, Fr. • New Iberia, La.
Stephen Sinanan, Soph. • Baton Rouge, La.



Haong Tran, Soph. • New Orleans, La.
James Wilhams, Sr. • New Orleans, La.



THETA XI

Things are better than ever for Theta Xi, according to Bryan Woodward, who was elected chapter president in December.

A number of changes were made in the fraternity this year that Woodward said will set Theta Xi apart as a Greek leader. Following an alleged hazing incident from early in the year, the chapter faced an extended probation and were pushed to change a few things.

One major change: Theta Xi began initiating pledges after only a few weeks of membership on the recommendation of their national chapter.

"In our new pledge program, the pledges went active after only three weeks of concentrated study of the fraternity," said Chad Nunez, who preceded Woodward as president. "It worked out well except that we feel that it needs to be a little longer," he said. The program was altered in hopes of alleviating any threat of hazing, a problem which has long plagued all

USL fraternities.

Especially in times of adversity and readjustment, the brothers believe that their unity and brotherhood are among the best elements in their fraternity.

But, in addition to supporting one another, Theta Xi provided help for their charity, Multiple Sclerosis, by sponsoring a public basketball tournament and a haunted house in the fall. On the spook house's opening night, the chapter raised \$120, but the fund-raiser was closed because of fire hazards.

"The fire Marshall shut us down for using visquine when another haunted house in town was using more than us," said Woodward. "This really disheartened a lot of us."

After enduring a year of setbacks and a restrictive probation, Woodward had an appropriate comment: "We're looking forward to having socials." —*Stacy Landreth*

Chapter Stronger After Readjustment

Walter Allred, Sr. • Slidell, La.

John Arceneaux, Sr. • Lafayette, La.

Jacques Baye, Fr. • New Orleans, La.

Keith Blair, Soph. • Baton Rouge, La.

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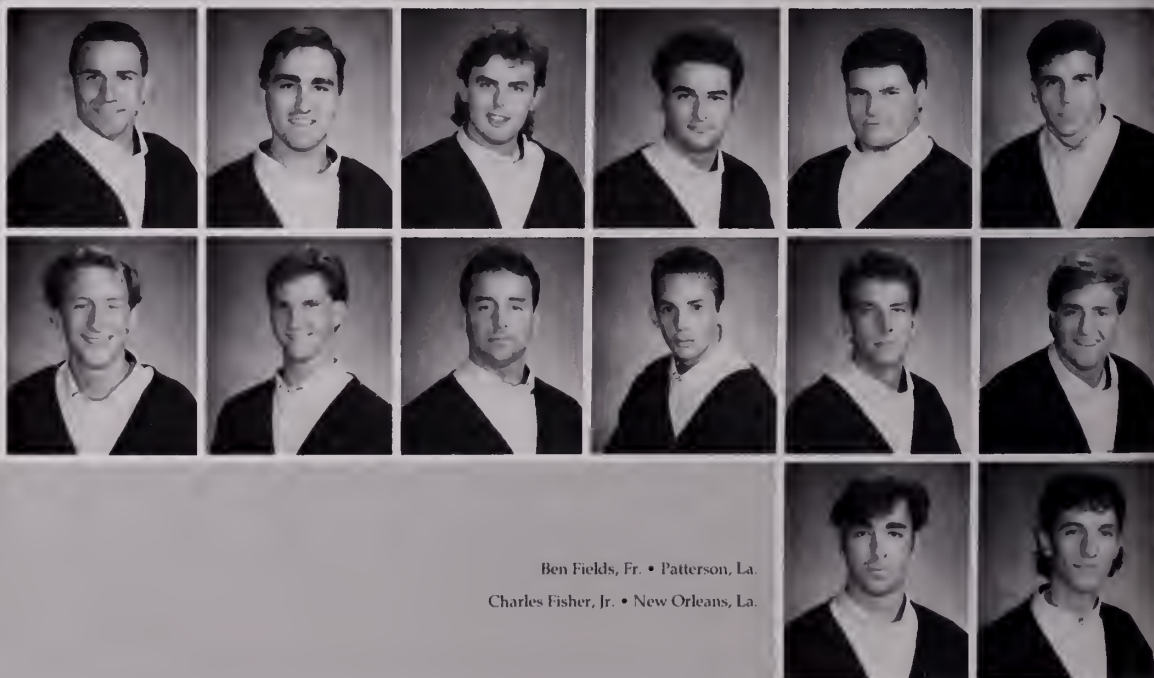
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Chad Doucet, Jr. • Jennings, La.

Jason Durnin, Fr. • Baton Rouge, La.

Shelby Eastin, Jr. • St. Martinville, La.

Thomas Eastman, Fr. • New Orleans, La.



Ben Fields, Fr. • Patterson, La.

Charles Fisher, Jr. • New Orleans, La.



Michael Gale, Soc. Chair., Jr. • New Orleans, La.

Rene Gaspard, Sr. • Mansura, La.

Victor Gibson, Fr. • Jeanerette, La.

Corey Greer, Fr. • Kingwood, Texas

Jaime Guidry, Soph. • Lafayette, La.

Jason Guidry, Jr. • Arnaudville, La.

Bart Hains, Sr. • Rayne, La.

Doug Harrison, Fr. • Dallas, Texas

Jeff Hinyub, Sec., Sr. • Marksville, La.

Chad Howard, Fr. • Kingswood, Texas

Chris Hudson, Fr. • Soldatna, Alaska

P. Butler Ives, Soph. • Metairie, La.

Briar Kleinpeter, Fr. • Baton Rouge, La.

Paul Landry, Treas., Soph. • Erath, La.

George Lang, Jr. • Lafayette, La.

Jimmy Lea, Fr. • Lafayette, La.

David Lowe, Mem. Educ., Jr. • Metairie, La.

Jason Manson, Jr. • Baton Rouge, La.

Rodney Maraist, Fr. • Metairie, La.

Bradley Martinez, Fr. • White Castle, La.

Wayne McCloskey, Jr. • Abbeville, La.

Ben Miller, Jr. • Arnaudville, La.

Todd Moffatt, Fr. • New Orleans, La.

Ken Mulhearn, Soph. • Baton Rouge, La.

Chad Nunez, Pres., Jr. • Erath, La.

Jonathan Olivier, Fr. • Arnaudville, La.

Andy Post, Fr. • New Orleans, La.

Chad Potier, Fr. • Kingwood, Texas

Keith Reed, Fr. • Baton Rouge, La.

Warren Rose, Jr. • Iota, La.

Davey Schmitt, Soph. • Metairie, La.

Scott Shepherd, Fr. • New Orleans, La.

Shane Smith, Jr. • Lafayette, La.

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Blake Stevens, Sr. • Metairie, La.

Jason Theriot, Jr. • New Orleans, La.

Michael Topham, Jr. • Morgan City, La.

Paul Toups, Jr. • Baton Rouge, La.

Chris Turner, Jr. • Lafayette, La.

Charles Whitfield, Fr. • Baton Rouge, La.

Bryan Woodward, V. P., Jr. • Kenner, La.

Huey Wyble, Fr. • Arnaudville, La.

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Peezie Leininger, Court

Lynn McDonald, Court

Brandi Suggs, Court



SPORTS

Victory. Defeat. Timeout. The desire to win, to achieve, is essential to

the progress of every college student. USL sports embody that ideal.

And, in a year of overwhelming success and crushing failure, the ideal

survived. Another chapter of USL's athletic tradition is one for the books.



DANIEL LINCOLN



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FACING OFF. THE CAJUNS ATTEMPT A FIELD GOAL AGAINST NLU AT CAJUN FIELD. THE CAJUNS LOST THE GAME WHICH WAS THEIR FIRST OF THE SEASON.

WHAT A FEET. THE LADY CAJUN BASKETBALL TEAM HUDDLES TO DECIDE STRATEGY DURING A TIMEOUT IN THE CAJUNDOME.



BRAD KEMP

PRE-SEASON ALL-AMERICAN TOMMY BATES, SHORTSTOP, CONTEMPLATES STEALING A BASE IN THE NCAA REGIONAL IN BATON ROUGE. THE CAJUNS WERE RUNNER-UPS FOR THE TOURNAMENT, BEHIND NATIONAL CHAMPS LSU.

Advancing into the Elite of the NCAA



KEN MEYERS AWAITS A THROW FROM A CAJUN PITCHER. MEYERS HIT .317 ON THE YEAR.

Entering the 1991 season, the Ragin' Cajuns of Head Coach Mike Boulanger faced the biggest challenge in USL baseball history.

The schedule was the toughest ever for Boulanger's troops, and a new pitching staff had to be assembled. The Cajuns more than met the challenge, receiving a surprising pitching performance from the staff and powerful, timely hitting by the offense to win the American South Conference for the fourth straight year.

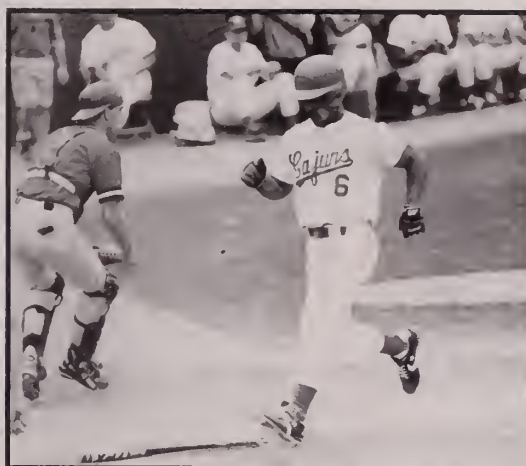
USL ended the year ranked 15th in the nation by the Collegiate Baseball-ESPN poll and 18th by *Baseball America* magazine, going 49-20 in the process.

Only the eventual national champion LSU Tigers could stop the Cajuns from making it to the College World Series, stopping USL in the NCAA South Regional final.

The Cajuns jumped into the fire almost from the beginning of the season. After opening the season with two wins over William Carey, USL traveled to Disch-Falk Field to take on the tradition-rich Texas Longhorns. Texas took two of the three games, but USL proved to themselves that they could play with the big boys.



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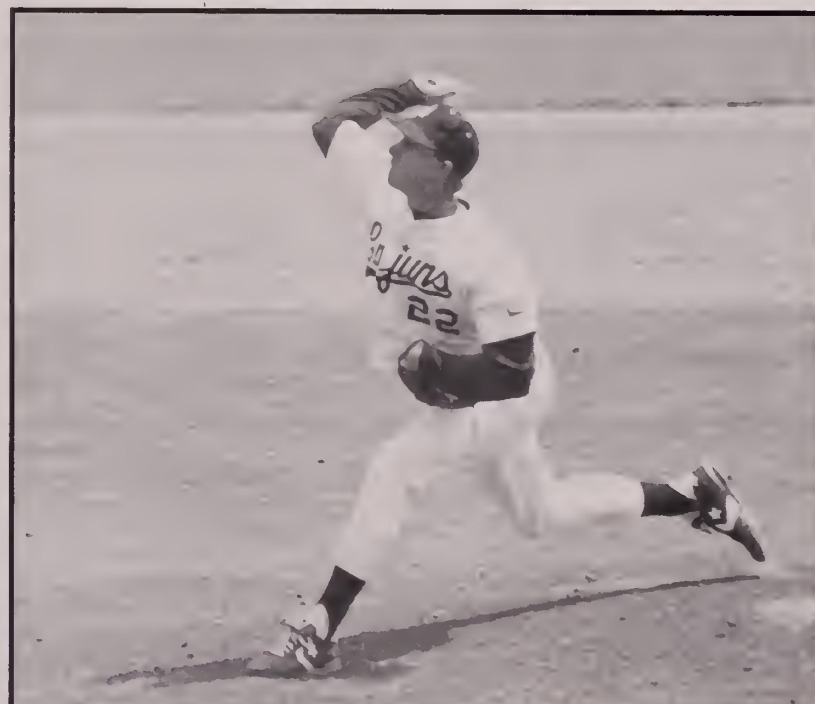


LEE TAI

PAPO RAMOS RACES HOME AHEAD OF THE THROW AGAINST NICHOLLS STATE.

TOMMY BATES PREPARES TO TOUCH HOME PLATE AFTER ONE OF HIS 12 HOMES.

GARY HAUGHT DELIVERS TO THE PLATE. HAUGHT WAS THE "PLAYER OF THE YEAR" IN THE ASC.



LEE TAI

"I was impressed with the Ragin' Cajuns," said Texas Head Coach Cliff Gustafson.

Next up for USL was the UNLV-Coors Desert Classic in Las Vegas. UNLV, Oklahoma State and Clemson were the other competing teams, with OSU and Clemson both ending the season ranked in the top ten.

The Cajuns faced host UNLV in the first round and slaughtered the Rebels 20-8, pounding out 22 hits and five home runs. Senior outfielder Michael Watts had four hits and two RBIs to lead USL.

Oklahoma State awaited USL in the winner's bracket. The Cajuns gave Boulanger his 200th career win with a 16-12 slugfest victory, scoring eight runs in the second inning. Junior outfielder Andy Fox, who led the team with 61 RBIs on the season, struck the big blow of the inning, nailing a bases-loaded triple.

"Being from Oklahoma, it was great to get number 200 over OSU," Boulanger said.

The Cajuns continued their hitting spree against power-

ful Clemson, pounding the Tigers 13-8. Chris Benhardt, a junior first baseman and the closer on the pitching staff, whacked three home runs and drove in seven runs, both single-game highs for USL on the season.

USL could not keep up the momentum against Clemson the next day, with the Tigers beating USL 17-5 despite two home runs from senior Damian Grossie. The loss made the Cajuns and Clemson co-champions of the tournament.

"The loss to Clemson puts a little damper on the road home, but we had an excellent weekend, winning three, including beating two ranked teams in Oklahoma State and Clemson," said a pleased Boulanger.

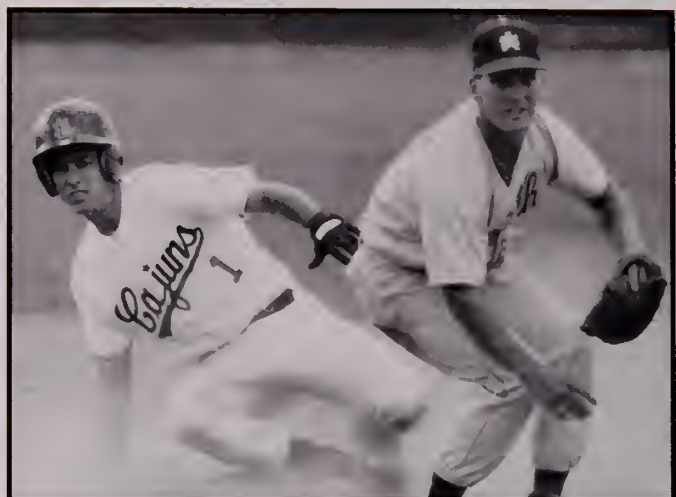
The 6-3 Ragin' Cajuns returned home to sweep three games from Houston Baptist before hosting the sixth annual Louisiana Classics at Moore Field. Tulane, Oklahoma State and Oregon State rounded out the field.

USL had a horrendous tournament, going winless in

Down to the Wire

Cajuns Battle LSU in Regional Finals

• By Todd Vessel •



JASON SHIREY TRIES TO BREAK UP A DOUBLE PLAY AGAINST SOUTH ALABAMA.

THE RAGIN' CAJUN BASEBALL TEAM'S PERFORMANCE AT THE NCAA SOUTH REGIONAL TOURNAMENT WILL LIKELY BE TALKED ABOUT AND POINTED TO AS THE GREATEST ACHIEVEMENT IN USL SPORTS HISTORY.

Making their second consecutive trip to Baton Rouge for the tournament, USL was confident they could compete much better in 1991 with the powerhouses of NCAA baseball than in the past, and they were right.

The fifth-seeded Ragin' Cajuns drew second-seeded and highly ranked Texas A&M in the first round. USL gained an early 2-0 lead on a Michael Watts home run and a balked-in run by the Aggies. Cajun ace Gary Haught took the lead into the third inning, then the Aggies bombarded him for five runs to chase Haught from the game.

"I got behind a few hitters, but I made some good pitches low and inside. Then they hit some Texas Leaguers that fell," Haught explained.

"I was glad to see him leave the game," Aggie Head Coach Mark Johnson said. "I thought he was a good pitcher."

It was all downhill from there for USL. An eight-run fifth inning blew the game open for Texas A&M, and the Aggies went on to a 16-4 triumph. The Aggies accumulated 21 hits overall and it was USL's worst loss of the year.

"I don't ever remember taking it on the chin like that. They just wore us out," said Head Coach Mike Boulanger. "I told the team that there were two ways to go. We can go home tomorrow or we can pull together, get some rest, and get ready to play. Hopefully, we can come out and represent the university better tomorrow."

USL faced Northwestern State in the loser's-bracket game next. Tournament Most Valuable Player Papo Ramos led off the game with a home run before Chris Benhardt smashed a two-run double to give the Cajuns an early 3-0 lead. Lefthander Javi DeJesus did not give up a hit until the fifth inning in his starting assignment.

USL scored five more runs in the top of the fifth, with Damian Grossie's two-run homer the big blow. DeJesus's sore elbow acted up in the fifth inning and he gave up a home run to Mitch Deshotels to make the score 8-1.

The Cajun middle relief pitching failed to keep the Demons at bay, and when Larry Ross hit a three-run homer in the seventh to make the score 10-7, Boulanger called on Haught. Haught shut

down the Demons the rest of the way, and USL gained a 10-7 victory.

"I had a pretty good idea after the first inning that they weren't going to get anything off me," Haught said. "I had good stuff, and when I have good stuff, there aren't too many teams I can't shut down for three innings."

The South Alabama Jaguars awaited USL in the third round. Cajun senior right-hander Cyrus Crosby started the game and left after four innings, trailing 3-1. Workhorse Haught came in once again.

In the sixth, USL tied the score at three with a home run by Benhardt. Tommy Bates then smashed a homer off the scoreboard to give the Cajuns back-to-back home runs and the lead for good at 4-3. "I was just trying to keep the inning going," Bates said.

USL received two insurance runs in the eighth, but Haught walked two and needed relief from Benhardt. In the ninth, Benhardt loaded the bases with two out before getting a fly out to Watts in rightfield.

"This was definitely a big win," Boulanger said. "We didn't quit. We showed a lot of character throughout that game. Haught pitched on guts, and Benhardt did the job in some pain."

With a trip to the championship round on the line, USL once again faced the Texas A&M Aggies. In possibly the most thrilling game of the regional, the Cajuns gained revenge for their earlier humiliating defeat at the hands of the Aggies with a 13-10 slugfest victory.

USL began the game with three consecutive walks to load the bases with no outs. Andy Fox then crushed a grand slam over the right-centerfield wall to give the Cajuns an immediate 4-0 lead. Before the inning was over USL led 6-0.

The Ragin' Cajuns pushed the lead to 8-0 after two innings on run-scoring doubles by Fox and Grossie. In the third, the Aggies came back ferociously. USL starter Steve Walter gave up a walk that was followed by six singles, and suddenly it was 8-7.

The Cajuns scored four times in the fifth, punctuated by a Watts two-run homer. Senior right-hander Jamie Williams could not stop the Aggie attack and was relieved by freshman Mike Gautreau, a Baton Rouge native, with USL leading 12-9.

Gautreau allowed only one run in three innings, leaving with one out in the eighth inning and the Cajuns leading 12-10.

"I think the key to the game was Mike Gautreau," Boulanger said. "He did an outstanding job."

Ramos smacked a solo home run in the bottom of the eighth, then Benhardt retired the Aggies in order in the ninth.

"That was a huge win," said an excited Boulanger. "That was just a real gutsy performance by our guys. I'm real proud that it's an all-Louisiana finals."

In the regional finals, it was the LSU Tigers who stood between USL and the College World Series. LSU dominated the Cajuns in 1990, but this was the determined Cajuns of '91.

Many believed the Tigers would have a cakewalk to victory because USL's pitching staff was overworked and tired. The Cajuns 8-5 loss to the Tigers was anything but easy for LSU, marking their most competitive game until the national championship.

LSU took an early 1-0 lead in the top of the first off starter Scott Wood, but USL scored two in the bottom when Wade Sholmire tripled. The Tigers took a 5-2 lead in the fourth, scoring four times off Wood and three Cajun relievers.


Boulanger commented, "I couldn't ask any more from our pitchers than they gave us today. They did everything they could."

The Tigers scored one more in the fifth before the Cajuns came back. First, Grossie mashed a home run to centerfield to make it 6-3. With Cyrus Crosby holding LSU down, Grossie singled in Sholmire to bring USL closer at 6-4.

With two runners on base and one out in the sixth, LSU's Mark LaRosa stopped the Cajuns. "We just could never get that key hit to really get back into the game," Boulanger said.

LSU scored twice off Crosby in the seventh, and took an 8-4 lead to the ninth. Ramos then hit a solo home run to rightfield off LaRosa. With two out, USL loaded the bases. LSU brought in ace reliever Rick Greene to pitch to reserve catcher Robert Turk. Turk battled Greene but struck out on a curveball.

"This was a tough day for us," Boulanger said. "We were really worried about our pitching coming into this game. I'm really proud of our guys. We didn't win, but we fought awfully hard in a tough situation."

Four Ragin' Cajuns made the All-Tournament Team. Ramos was named Most Valuable Player, hitting .625 with three home runs, five RBIs, seven runs scored and three stolen bases. Joining Ramos were Watts in the outfield, Fox as the designated hitter, and pitcher Benhardt. 

four straight games. The Cajun defense and pitching faltered, the most devastating of the losses coming in the second game versus Tulane. USL blew a seven-run lead in the eighth inning as the Green Wave scored nine times.

"It was our inability to play defense that was our downfall," stated an angry Boulanger.

The Cajuns limped into Starkville, Mississippi at 9-7 to play the highly regarded Mississippi State team of Head Coach Ron Polkin in a double-header. The Bulldogs scored three runs in the seventh inning to break a 2-2 tie, going on to take a 6-4 victory over the Cajuns in game one. The loss gave USL a five-game losing streak.

Game two marked the emergence of two positive occurrences for the Cajuns. The first was the solid pitching of sophomore lefthander Javi DeJesus, the other a nine-game winning streak. DeJesus tossed a complete-game six-hitter, striking out nine. Freshman catcher Paul Bako drove in three runs to secure the 8-1 victory.

The series was costly, however, because Grossie broke his left collar bone trying to score in a collision at the plate.

USL traveled to Shreveport next to participate in the Dixie College Classic Tournament. The Ragin' Cajuns chalked up three



JOE FOX IS GREETED AT HOME BY (LEFT TO RIGHT) PETE GUAJARDO, PAPA RAMOS, AND KEN MEYERS AFTER HITTING A GRAND SLAM AGAINST TEXAS A & M.

straight victories over New Mexico State, Arkansas, and New Orleans to claim the tournament championship.

Gary Haught's three-hit complete-game shutout of the Privateers typified the emergence of the pitching staff since the Louisiana Classics.

"A lot of people said we didn't have a good pitching staff, but I think we do," Haught said. "Talk is cheap, and we're starting to show it lately."

The Cajuns returned to Lafayette to sweep the Dartmouth Big Green in four straight, running USL's record to 17-8.

American South Conference action arrived in the form of the Texas Pan-American Broncs, with whom USL split a doubleheader.

A two-game sweep of Mississippi Valley State preceded a trip to New Orleans for a key ASC matchup. In the tipoff double-header, the Cajuns gained a split. Haught again came through in game one, firing a complete-game seven-hitter. Junior Steve Walter also threw a complete-game in game two, but UNO prevailed 2-1. The Cajuns took the series as Benhardt gave five good innings of relief in a 5-3 victory.

SCORES

	Cajuns	Opponent			
William Carey	11	1	McNeese St.	9	12
William Carey	5	2	Central Florida	4	3
Texas	1	3	Central Florida	2	7
Texas	11	8	Central Florida	12	2
Texas	3	8	McNeese St.	2	4
Nevada-Las Vegas	20	8	Arkansas St.	16	9
Oklahoma St.	16	12	Arkansas St.	14	5
Clemson	13	8	Arkansas St.	12	7
Clemson	5	17	Houston	4	6
Houston Baptist	10	0	Texas Southern	9	2
Houston Baptist	7	1	Texas Southern	7	5
Houston Baptist	3	2	Nicholls St.	4	0
Oregon St.	7	8	Nicholls St.	6	5
Tulane	13	15	Nicholls St.	5	2
Oklahoma St.	5	11	Stephen F. Austin	10	3
Tulane	5	6	Stephen F. Austin	9	0
Mississippi St.	4	6	Northwestern St.	6	5
Mississippi St.	8	1	Lamar	13	2
New Mexico St.	6	3	Lamar	3	2
Arkansas	11	2	Lamar	7	6
New Orleans	10	0	Louisiana Tech	5	2
Dartmouth	7	4	Louisiana Tech	6	4
Dartmouth	5	1	Louisiana Tech	7	8
Dartmouth	13	9	Louisiana Tech*	6	8
Dartmouth	6	5	Texas Pan-Am*	9	5
Texas Pan-Am	3	1	Louisiana Tech*	10	3
Texas Pan-Am	4	16	Central Florida*	6	3
Texas Pan-Am	6	2	Central Florida*	8	6
Mississippi Valley St.	14	6	Fresno St.	6	8
Mississippi Valley St.	9	0	Fresno St.	9	3
New Orleans	7	5	Fresno St.	1	10
New Orleans	1	2	Texas A&M**	4	16
New Orleans	5	3	Northwestern St.**	11	7
			South Alabama**	6	3
			Texas A&M**	13	10
			LSU**	5	8

* American South Conference Tournament

** NCAA Regional Tournament, Baton Rouge

Between on-the-road and home field losses to McNeese, the Cajuns took two of three from new ASC foe Central Florida. USL then swept Arkansas State in three straight. At 9-3 in conference play, the Cajuns found themselves in the driver's seat for the conference championship.

Following a loss to the Houston Cougars, USL started a homestand versus Texas Southern with a 28-14 record and were unbeatable for the next 13 games, tying a Cajun record.

USL swept series from the Tigers, Nicholls State, Stephen F. Austin, Northwestern State and the Lamar Cardinals during the streak. The Cajuns received key contributions from unlikely sources such as junior Mark Broussard, filling in for the injured Grossie, and freshman pitcher Mike Gautreau.

Louisiana Tech came calling at Moore Field after the Cardinals series, with USL hoping to secure their fourth straight ASC championship against the Bulldogs.

Ace right-hander Haught handed the Cajuns a good start by gaining his twelfth victory overall and tenth in a row. Fox drove in four runs in the 5-2 victory. USL's 6-4 victory in the first game of a double-header the next day was their 13th consecutive win, and it gave them the ASC championship. The Cajuns lost the second game 8-7.

"Basically, everybody's happy," Boulanger exclaimed. "I'm very happy with our situation. We won the conference championship outright and are hosting the conference tournament."

Even though USL's 41-15 record was outstanding, the Cajuns needed to gain the ASC tournament to assure themselves of a NCAA regional bid. Hosting the tournament at Moore Field, USL seemed poised to run away with it.

The Bulldogs of Louisiana Tech had other notions, taking a 8-6 victory over the Cajuns. Haught had to pitch with a blister on his throwing hand and received his first ASC loss despite two home runs from the returned Grossie.

Grossie said, "I think we're going to come back. The more adversity we face, the better we are."

Grossie could not have been more prophetic. Facing elimination, USL received some clutch pitching from junior Scott Wood while DeJesus, back from a tender elbow, gained his first save in a 9-5 victory over Texas Pan-American. Yariel "Papo" Ramos and senior Pete Guajardo banged out three hits apiece in support.

Louisiana Tech was the foe again later in the day, and USL gained revenge by eliminating the Bulldogs from the field with a 10-3 drubbing. Steve Walter tossed seven solid innings and Fox walloped a home run to lead the Cajun charge. The win set up a confrontation with the undefeated Central Florida for the crown.

Gautreau started for USL in game one, but soon gave way to Haught. Haught pitched almost nine innings, still injured, but he gave up only one unearned run to lead the Cajuns to a 6-3 victory. It was his 13th win of the year, setting a new USL record.

In the championship game, Watts hit a three-run homer and DeJesus threw six strong innings on a day of rest to give USL an 8-6 victory. It was the Cajuns fourth straight win through the loser's bracket and gave USL their third ASC tournament championship in four years.

"I've never been on a ball club that had to win four straight games like this," Boulanger said. "That really makes us

special."

On the difficult trail to the championship, Meyers said, "I can't explain it. We just seem to put our backs to the wall and challenge ourselves."

USL closed out the regular season by losing two of a three game series against the sixth-ranked and College World Series-bound Fresno State Bulldogs.

"I think this series was a good tune-up for regionals," said Boulanger.

The postseason honors were numerous for the Ragin' Cajuns. Pitcher Gary Haught was the Player of the Year in the American South Conference and a First Team selection, as well as a First Team All-Louisiana pick. The Third Team All-American set a school record in wins, going 14-6. Haught led the Cajuns in a number of pitching categories, setting a record for innings pitched.

Senior shortstop Tommy Bates was a First Team All-Louisiana, First Team All-ASC and a First Team Academic All-American. Bates also was a preseason First Team All-American. He led the Cajuns in homeruns (12), runs (58) and hits (75). Bates also set a record for most games played (68) and assists (204) in a season.

Meyers was a First Team All-ASC and Second Team All-Louisiana. Meyers hit .317 and had eleven home runs for the Cajuns.

Chris Benhardt was a First Team All-Louisiana and a Second Team All-ASC. He was voted "Newcomer of the Year" by the Louisiana Sports Writers Association. Benhardt hit .300 with 49 RBIs and was 6-0 with six saves as a pitcher.

Junior outfielder Ramos was a Second Team All-Louisiana and a Second Team All-ASC. He was the Cajuns leadoff hitter and led the team in batting average (.372) and stolen bases (29).

Andy Fox was a First Team All-Louisiana designated hitter and hit .354. He led the Cajuns in RBIs, with 61, and triples, with four.

Junior Wade Sholmire and Jason Shirey were both Second Team All-Louisiana picks. Sholmire hit .326 and tied for the team in doubles with fifteen.

Senior third baseman Grossie was an All-Louisiana honorable mention. He broke school records for career at-bats (757), hits (221), runs (157), triples (20), total bases (399), RBIs (181) and fell four short of career home runs and one short of career games played.

Boulanger was named "Coach of the Year" in the ASC for the second time in four years, and South Region "Coach of the Year" by his coaching peers.

"We had an outstanding season," Boulanger said, "and this award resulted from a lot of hard work from the players, coaches and everyone involved with USL baseball." ■



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WADE SHOLMIRE HIT .326 AND SLAPPED 15 DOUBLES FOR THE CAJUNS.



BRAD KEMP

SHORTSTOP TOMMY BATES ELUDES A BASERUNNER AT SECOND IN THE NCAA REGIONAL.

Collecting Another Twenty-win Season

For the second year in a row the Ragin' Cajun basketball team won over 20 games, accumulating a 21-10 record. This accomplishment was bittersweet, though, because USL failed to gain a postseason bid once again.

With talent such as first round NBA draft choice Kevin Brooks and senior point guard Aaron Mitchell to work with, Head Coach Marty Fletcher's fifth season at the helm began in fine fashion.

After an opening-game loss to the host Hawaii Rainbows in the Hawaii Tip-Off Tournament, USL conquered Northeast Louisiana 75-72 in the consolation game.

The victory began a ten-game winning streak for the Cajuns, with USL's own Louisiana Classics tournament championship included in the victories. The Cajuns 114-79 triumph over Prairie View A&M ran their record to 10-1.



JOHNNY STAFFORD

KEVIN BROOKS AND AARON MITCHELL GANG UP ON AN ARKANSAS STATE PLAYER.



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A A R O N
MITCHELL
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MITCHELL IS
USL'S ALL-
TIME LEADER
IN ASSISTS
AND STEALS.

USL hoped their run of victories prepared them to enter American South Conference competition. The New Orleans Privateers arrived in the Cajundome for a showdown in early January and, in front of more than 9,000 fans, shocked USL with a last second 66-64 win.

UNO's Leonard Bennett sank a jumper with three seconds left to break a 64-all tie, then Mitchell hit the back of the rim on a desperation three point shot to give the Cajuns

their second loss.

The loss to UNO was the first of four consecutive losses to open ASC play. USL traveled to meet Louisiana Tech next and came home with a 96-88 defeat, despite Mitchell's six three-pointers and 24 points.

"We allowed them to control the backboards and we

men's sports

couldn't recover from it," Fletcher said.

The Cajuns third loss was to the Arkansas State Indians, 68-63. "The big difference in the ball game was ASU's defense," Fletcher explained.

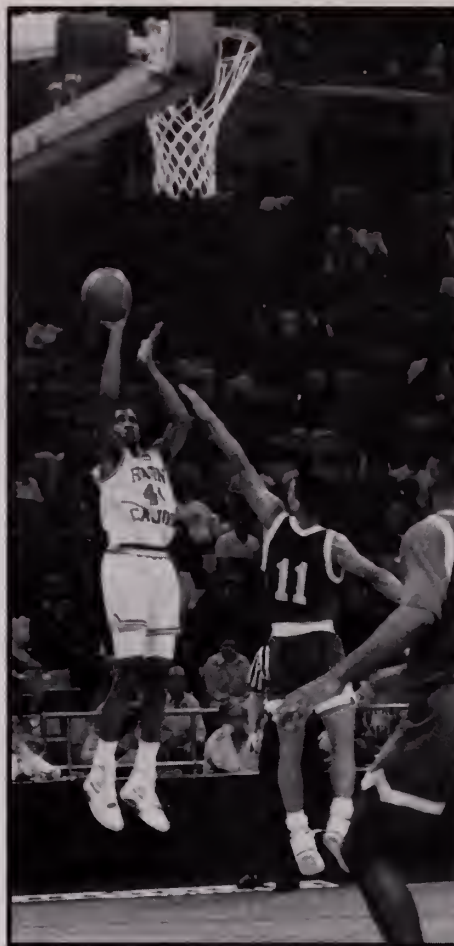
The low point of the year came against Texas Pan-American. At home against the out-manned Broncs, USL lost 90-82 for their fourth ASC loss. "We've dug ourselves a pretty bad hole right now," Brooks said.

The Ragin Cajuns rebounded to gain their first ASC victory with an 86-79 win over the Lamar Cardinals. Brooks had 27 points and junior forward Marcus Stokes grabbed eleven rebounds.

"We played with much more intensity," Brooks said. "We played smart basketball. That was the key."

USL gained one of the biggest victories in Cajun basketball history next with a 103-101 conquest of the Oklahoma Sooners in Norman, Oklahoma. Stokes drained a baseline jumper with six seconds left to break a 101-101 tie.

The Sooners had won 101 straight games when they scored 100 points or more and had lost in Norman only three



JOHNNY STAFFORD

BYRON STARKS, A FRESHMAN FROM GRAMBLING, AVERAGED 8.2 POINTS PER GAME IN HIS FIRST YEAR.



SOPHOMORE CEDRIC MACKYEON, EXECUTES A PASS OVER HIS HEAD TO TEAMMATE.

L'Acadien Sports Profiles

FOR THE PAST THREE SEASONS, USL BASKETBALL SUPPORTERS HAVE BEEN ENTERTAINED AND INSPIRED BY THE HARD WORK, SCRAPPY PLAY, AND DETERMINATION EXHIBITED BY A 5'10", 155-POUND GUARD NAMED ERIC MOUTON.

Often during his college career, the senior in Applied Sciences has provided a spark for the Cajuns by hustling and never giving less than a hundred percent.

Mouton credits USL Head Coach Marty Fletcher and the university's location as major factors in his decision to attend USL. "I wanted to stay close to home and [USL] was really one of the only Division I schools to offer me a scholarship," Mouton explained. "I'm grateful to Coach Fletcher for giving me a shot when nobody else around here did."

SPORTS INFORMATION



Eric Mouton

• By Todd Kleinpeter •

The "shot" proved to be a success as Mouton ranked second on the squad last season in both steals and assists. He averaged over six points, nearly four assists, and a steal per contest during a season in which he came off the bench for the most part.

During the Cajuns 94-86 overtime victory over arch-rival Louisiana Tech, Mouton enjoyed what he considered his finest game as a Cajun. In that game Mouton scored 21 points on 80 percent shooting from the field and dished out five assists.

Mouton's assist total of 121 was second on the squad last season, behind Aaron Mitchell. With his three-year assist total of 307, Mouton ranks tenth in the USL record books in that category.

In his free time, Mouton enjoys playing golf and hanging out with his friends. Mouton, a member of the Sigma Nu fraternity, said he tries to forget all about basketball during the summer. He claims that, during the season, basketball is like a job. During the hectic basketball season, Mouton practices close to three hours a day, not leaving himself a lot of leisure time during the spring semester.

Mouton speaks about his future with uncertainty. "I'm undecided. I just want to get my degree and enjoy my last year of college." Mouton has no regrets concerning his basketball career at USL and concluded, "I was just glad to be a part of USL basketball for a few years."





JOHNNY STAFFORD

TYRONE JONES, WHO ALSO PLAYS WIDE RECEIVER IN FOOTBALL, FIGHTS FOR A REBOUND.

times in 120 chances.

"We defeated one of the greatest basketball teams in this country," Fletcher said of the then 13th-ranked Sooners. "Our guys did a great job of executing all night. I feel delighted for every one of our players and coaches."

After three victories over Prairie View, Central Florida, and Sam Houston State, USL's record stood at 15-5, 2-4 in the ASC.

The 17th-ranked Southern Mississippi Golden Eagles invaded the Cajundome in late January and took a hard-fought 97-91 victory over the Cajuns. Brooks scored 28 points while Stokes and sophomore Cedric Mackyeon both brought down seven rebounds.

It was ASC time again, as USL's next five games were against conference opponents. The Cajuns traveled to New Orleans to meet the Privateers first, and once again UNO stole the victory, 69-60.

The Ragin' Cajuns returned home to confront Louisiana Tech. USL played one of its best games of the year,

BUTCH PIERRE ENTERED HIS FOURTH YEAR OF ASSISTANT COACHING AT THE BEGINNING OF THE 91-92 BASKETBALL SEASON. NOT ONLY DOES PIERRE DO SOME FLOOR COACHING AND PRACTICE PREPARATION, BUT HE IS ALSO A BIG PART OF USL'S RECRUITING PROGRAM.

Pierre grew up in the small town of Darrow, La. As a kid, Pierre learned the game of basketball on playground courts.

"I never had my own basketball goal, believe it or not," Pierre said. Pierre played basketball for St. Amant High School before receiving a scholarship to play for the Mississippi State Bulldogs. Pierre said that he was probably the first athlete to sign a major college scholarship from his high school and to have his jersey retired. Throughout both his high school and college careers, Pierre's position was point guard.

Pierre said that being point guard gave him the opportunity to lead the team and make decisions. He said that playing point guard in college was a lot different than playing ball in high school.

"In high school I was a terrific shooter, but in college I was not because I did not shoot the ball more than three or four times a game, playing with Jeff Malone who now plays for the Utah Jazz," said Pierre.

Aside from his on-court efforts, Pierre has a talent for recruiting. In high school he recruited a young man for the school basketball team. That young man, John "Hot Rod" Williams, went on to become a NBA star, playing for the Cleveland Cavaliers.

After coaching for Kentucky State for two years, Pierre was invited to visit USL.

"One reason why I came to USL is because I thought it was an easy place to get players. It was home," Pierre said. He added, "I thought Coach Fletcher had some good ideas in terms of building a

program."

Pierre said that, since he arrived at USL, the basketball program has improved greatly. "The recruiting has been doing well, and every year our record has been getting better."

Pierre commented that Harold Boudreaux, the nation's number one junior college recruit, will be a great asset to the program. "It helps the credibility of the program, the recruiting, and makes the players that we have on the team better," commented Pierre.

Pierre says that he hopes that USL can become a contender for postseason play every year. "Pack the Cajundome and get the college basketball atmosphere back in Lafayette," Pierre urged.

Family and students are important to Pierre.

"I am trying to tell the kids to get something out of life and to get an education," said Pierre. Pierre said that in the future he would like to be a head coach.

"My goal is to be head coach at a big school. I want to be a young black head coach and not an old one. If I had to be an old head coach, I would rather not be one at all. So I am just going to sit back and see what happens." ❧

Butch Pierre

• By Holli Lynn Guidry •



TRACY WASCOM

getting by the Bulldogs 94-86 in overtime. Brooks tallied 26 points and Stokes skied for a season-high fifteen rebounds. Junior guard Eric Mouton came off the bench to score a career-high 21 points and dished out five assists.

"Eric certainly had a very inspiring effort," Fletcher said. "Moreso defensively than offensively, and he had the best offensive night of his career."

"I was just looking to contribute," Mouton admitted. "I just want to help us win."

Arkansas State visited Lafayette next and was ready to perform, downing the Cajuns 81-63. The Indians held Brooks to 13 points and were suffocating defensively.

"Arkansas State outplayed us in every area," Fletcher said.

"They came in prepared," Mitchell said. "They played well. It was their night tonight."

A difficult 74-71 victory over Texas Pan-American followed, as well as a 96-93 win over Lamar on the road. The triumphs left USL at 18-8, 5-6 in the conference.

Southern Utah was the next victim for the Cajuns, with freshman guard Tony Moore scoring 26 points in the 94-82 victory.

USL next journeyed to Louisville, Kentucky, to meet the storied program of the Louisville Cardinals. The Cardinals ambushed the Cajuns 104-77, USL's worst loss of

the year.

"We won't make any excuses," Mitchell said. "You have to give Louisville all the credit. They played a great game."

The final ASC game of the regular season was a 94-85 victory over Central Florida in Orlando. Brooks scored 24 points and Mitchell had six steals to lead the Cajuns.

"Everybody I've spoken with throughout the country has given us nothing but compliments on an outstanding season," Fletcher said. "We didn't have a good beginning in the conference, but our kids persevered and won three straight ASC games on the road."

In the ASC Tournament, USL smoked Lamar 99-83 to advance to the second round. Brooks poured in a career-high 37 points and Stokes grabbed twelve rebounds to lead the Cajun charge.

Old nemesis UNO was next for USL, and for the third time on the year beat the Cajuns, 78-73. USL came back on the Privateers many times, but fell just short.

"We played with our hearts," Mitchell said. "That's why we came back."

The loss left USL at 21-10 on the year, 6-6 in the ASC.

The Cajuns hoped to make the National Invitation tournament.

"I'd be shocked if we weren't invited," Fletcher said. "You can't tell me this basketball team doesn't deserve it."

Fletcher and the Cajuns never received the invitation.


Brooks was named as a First Team All-Louisiana, First Team All-ASC, and averaged 21.2 points and six rebounds per game on the season. He was also named an Associated Press All-America honorable mention selection.

Brooks finished his career at USL with 2,294 points, which is the third best in school history and first in ASC history. He is the only player in school history to exceed 2,000 points and 700 rebounds in a career.

Mitchell finished his stay at USL as a Second Team All-ASC and a Third Team All-Louisiana selection. He averaged 15 points and 5.3 assists per game on the year.

Mitchell also became the only player in school history to eclipse 1,000 points, 500 rebounds and 600 assists. He is USL's all-time leader in assists (674) and steals (167).

Stokes was an honorable mention All-Louisiana pick and averaged 10 points and 9.8 rebounds per game.

Other major contributors were Mackyeon, who averaged 9.5 points per game, freshmen Moore and Byron Starks, and sophomore Todd Hill. Mouton was second to Mitchell in total assists and provided a valuable spark off the bench. 

SCORES •

		Cajuns		Opponent		
				Texas Pan-Am	82	90
				Lamar	86	79
				Oklahoma	103	101
				Prairie View	116	90
				Central Florida	109	88
				Sam Houston St.	84	79
				Southern Mississippi	91	97
				New Orleans	60	69
				Louisiana Tech	94	86
				Arkansas St.	63	81
				Texas Pan-Am	74	71
				Lamar	96	93
				Southern Utah	94	82
				Louisville	77	104
				Central Florida	94	85
				Lamar*	99	83
				New Orleans*	73	78
Hawaii	86	94				
Northeast LA	75	72				
Tennessee Tech	101	85				
Nicholls St.	128	78				
Grambling	128	105				
McNeese St.	73	67				
Appalachian St.	89	84				
Jackson St.	106	83				
Tennessee St.	127	88				
Texas Southern	87	70				
Prairie View	114	79				
New Orleans	64	66				
Louisiana Tech	88	96				
Arkansas St.	63	68				

* American South Conference Tournament



JOHNNY STAFFORD

KEVIN BROOKS DRIVES TO THE BASKET AGAINST SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI. BROOKS IS THE ONLY USL PLAYER EVER TO SCORE OVER 2,000 POINTS AND GET 700 REBOUNDS IN A CAREER.

Brains Behind The Brawn

Some USL athletes are excelling in academics and proving that all college jocks need not be dumb

• By Todd Kleinpeter & Jeff Gremillion •

THE INTEGRITY AND INTELLECTUAL STAMINA OF COLLEGE ATHLETES IS OFTEN THE SUBJECT OF SCRUTINY, ANALYSIS AND JOKES.

"How many college football players does it take to screw in a light bulb?" the old joke goes. "Just one. But he gets three credits."

While many young athletes have had difficulty translating success on the field into academic prowess, colleges and universities have been blamed for their ath-

letes' lack of motivation in the classroom. But many student athletes at USL have been working to erase the "dumb jock" stereotype that has long been a stigma for college athletics.

For some, academics and athletics go hand in hand.

"I think playing sports helps me to study harder," said James Sellers, a coaching assistant for the football team who was sidelined from his own football career after a back injury. "One compliments the other."



FOOTBALL COACHING ASSISTANT JAMES SELLER SAID THAT MAINTAINING A 3.6 GPA IS A MATTER OF TIME MANAGEMENT. AND HE SAID THAT ATHLETES AREN'T AUTOMATICALLY DUMB. "I AND A LOT OF OTHER GUYS HAVE PROVED THAT'S WRONG."

Sellers, who said he has been involved in a variety of athletics since his freshman year of high school, has maintained a 3.6 GPA in his pre-physical therapy major. He said the "key" to academic success is time management. He added that he has an active social life and is not a "hermit," always with his nose in the books.

The young assistant, a junior, said the "dumb jock thing doesn't bother me.

"I know it's not true," Sellers said. He said that some football players deliberately try to fill that traditional role, skipping class and the like, but "not all people who play football are dumb. I and a lot of other guys have proved that's wrong."

Sellers added, joking, "I know there are a lot of people out there who are just as dumb as football players."

Indeed that's true. And officials in the athletic department are working to bridge the academic gap.

USL Academic Coordinator Danny Cottonham is optimistic about the future of the student athlete at the university. Cottonham, who is in charge of about 300 athletes, offers academic and personal counseling to any athlete in need of help or assistance.

"The student athletes understand that they are just that — a student first," Cottonham said.

THE TENNIS TEAM BOASTS THE HIGHEST TEAM GPA OF ANY USL SPORTS. JOHN PHILLIPS, A SOPHOMORE MAJORING IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION, HAS EARNED HIS TENNIS SCHOLARSHIP BY ACCUMULATING A 3.3 GPA AND BY PERFORMING ADMIRABLY ON THE COURT.

When Phillips was asked how he manages to flourish at both he said, "It's difficult because we have to practice every day for three, maybe four hours. Doing your homework in the evenings is difficult because you get back from practice and you're tired. You just don't feel like doing anything, but you've got to do it."

For some, inspiration and motivation plays a big part in their success. Two-sport athlete Alyson Habetz is a prime example.

Habetz was granted an athletic and academic scholarship when she left Notre Dame High School, having been named salutatorian of her class. "Probably God is a big inspiration for me because He gifted me with so much ability. My parents and my family have also supported me,"

the sophomore Mass Communication major said.

Habetz, who maintains a 3.5 grade point average, also added, "[Basketball] Coach Searle, [Assistant Basket-




BASKETBALL AND SOFTBALL STAR ALYSON HABETZ SAYS GOD AND HER PARENTS ARE AMONG THOSE WHO INSPIRE HER TO PERFORM WELL ACADEMICALLY.

MICHAEL TRAYLOR

ball] Coach Armstrong, [Softball] Coach Girard and [Assistant Softball] Coach Murphy motivate me to do well, not only on the court and playing field, but also in the classroom."

Three USL athletes were honored either regionally or nationally in the past year for their academic achievements. Volleyball Star Annette Carney was selected an Academic All-American, as was cross-country and track athlete Cathy Asconzo. Greg Daigle, also a track star, was named to the All-District VI Academic Team.

Since 1982, USL has adapted a program to aid student athletes. The program includes grade checks each semester and a strenuous academic checklist for all first-semester students. All first-semester athletes, and any other athlete who drops below a certain grade point average, must attend study halls in addition to meeting other academic guidelines placed on them.

Cottonham, perturbed about a lack of funding for academic programs within the athletic realm, expressed a positive thought about the future of academics in athletics, saying, "I hope to see more support as in dollars and commitment. And, if we continue having the success that we are having, finances will come." 

The New Cajun Road Trip

Texas A&M is in line to become USL's favorite away game following the unfortunate demise of the annual Tulane trip

• By Jeff Gremillion •

"IS THIS CROWD GOING TO A FUNERAL OR A FOOTBALL GAME? WE'RE GONNA KICK SOME AGGIE ASS," GLENN LANDRY YELLED AT THE TOP OF HIS LUNGS IN AN ATTEMPT TO WAKE HIS SLEEPING AND NEAR-SLEEPING FELLOW PASSENGERS AS THEY NEARED THEIR DESTINATION

Landry and a bus load of fans were bound for College Station, Texas, and the confrontation between USL and A&M. It had been a long drive, over six hours from the union parking lot, and the group of 43 students and staff members on the UPC chartered bus were tired.

But, as they stepped off the bus and onto the Texas ground at the A&M campus, the Cajun spirit got the best of them. They walked toward the Aggie stadium to claim their seats among the hundreds of other USL students and alumni who had made the

long trip.

The Cajuns, all in bright red and white, contrasted sharply with the more conservative, stiffly traditional Aggies. Jean Provost, USL class of 1965 and secretary to Dean of Students Edward Pratt, was in College Station. She said of Aggieland, "Everything is so structured, very reserved."

Provost added, "We're better partiers." It seems she's right.

She said that eight or nine bus loads of alumni supporters filled up a resort in Delago, Texas, the day before the game. The group had a golf tournament, a tennis tournament and a pep rally hosting the USL band. The supporters also had planned an after-game party featuring the music of Atchafalaya.

Why all the hoopla? According to Provost, and many others in the alumni community and in student circles, the move is on to make the A&M game the university's big road trip. Tulane and New Orleans once had that honor, but, since the Green Wave refused to put the Cajuns on their schedule, the Aggies and College Station might be heirs to the throne.

"This is the closest. This is going to be it," Provost said. She and her husband Steve, who works for USL's physical plant, have been following USL football at home and on the road since 1966.

A&M student Steve Dumas said he thought it would be great if more and more USL students began making the trip. "We like to think we're a good host school."

Hospitality is not the only thing A&M stu-



STUDENTS AND DIEHARD CAJUN FANS ALISON NUESTROM, STEPHEN SCOTT AND ANITA DEROUEN PASS THE TIME WITH JOKES FROM A MAGAZINE ON THE SIX-HOUR BUS TRIP TO COLLEGE STATION.

DANIEL LINCOLN



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THE BRIGHT RED AND WHITE OF THE CAJUN CHEERLEADERS' UNIFORMS CREATE A SHARP CONTRAST AGAINST THE DULL, MILITARY GREEN OF THE HUNDREDS OF A&M ROTC STUDENTS WHO LINE AGGIE FIELD BEFORE THE GAME BEGINS.

USL BAND MEMBERS LAUGH IT UP AT THE A&M GAME. THE RAGIN' BAND FROM CAJUN LAND PERFORMED NUMBERS LIKE "PLAY THAT FUNKY MUSIC, WHITE BOY," WHICH CONTRASTED THE AGGIE BAND'S MILITARY STYLINGS.



dents will tell you they're proud of. They're big on tradition.

Student Jennifer McNamara said that "tradition is what binds everybody together."

Mark Dumas, brother to Steve, said that A&M, a school considerably larger than USL, "feels like a school of 2,000. You get to meet everybody." Fellow Aggie Michael White agreed, saying, "Here you feel like it's a big family."

TRADITION IS SO THICK YOU CAN CUT IT WITH A KNIFE AMONG STUDENTS AND ALUMNI AT A&M.

One example among many: with a series of hand motions, four male cheerleaders direct an entire stadium, of young and old, through cheers everyone knows and participates in. While some might say that that kind of fervor for the past may tend to challenge the innovative and ever-new themes often associated with universities, the Aggies aren't budging. They've been doing things their way for a lot of years, and the rest of the world can kiss off.

One member of the Fightin' Texas Aggie Band, bugler Stephen Faw, confirmed this. "The maneuvers and songs [we perform] are stuff we've been doing for years." Faw, an amiable Texan to be sure, went on to compare the A&M band to West Point with a straight face and without one ounce of conscious pretension.

The band, noted for its sharp militaristic maneuvering and style of playing, is the pride of College Station.

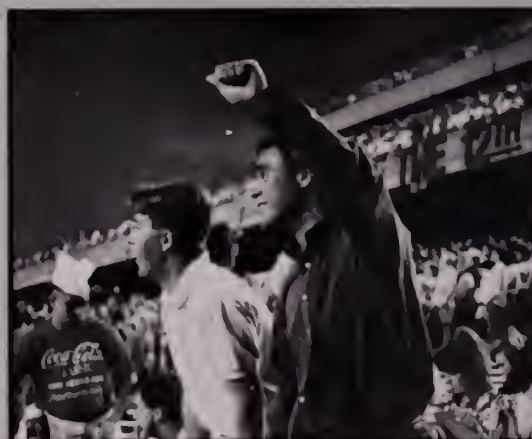
As for the Ragin' Band from Cajun Land, well, they ain't jealous.

"We have more fun in our band," Cajun drummer Steve Kerlin said. Fellow drummer Walter Powell added, "They're more regimented, more militaristic."

Indeed, the contrast between the two bands is like camouflage and paisley. Such is the way between the two schools in many aspects. It is the obvious contrast that makes a trip to College Station so appealing.

Even though the Cajuns lost to A&M, 34-7, and even though the ride home on that student bus was longer and harder than the trip to the game because the bus driver got lost in Houston, the trip was a good one.

L'Acadien photo editor Danny Lincoln, who covered the road trip, said, "I enjoy getting away from Lafayette and seeing another university. It makes me appreciate USL."



CAJUN FANS WHO TRAVELED OVER SIX HOURS TO COLLEGE STATION CHEERED FOR THEIR TEAM.

DANIEL LINCOLN

Suffering The Worst Season In Ten Years



RAGIN' CAJUNS ASSISTANT COACH DON JONES DRAWS UP THE OFFENSIVE SCHEME FOR QUARTERBACK REGGIE HAYES AS STEVE MOCEK AND MYRON ROBINSON LOOK ON.

Prior to the kickoff of the 1991 USL football campaign on August 31, few people, including Head Coach Nelson Stokley, could determine what the expectations should be for the squad, as it faced what was probably its toughest ever schedule.

Still, few could have fathomed at the time that the Cajuns would suffer through a 2-8-1 season, which was their worst since the 1-9-1 mark in 1981. One of the biggest question marks heading into the fall season was how well the offense was going to handle the switch from the run-and-shoot to the pro-I set. Ultimately, the fact that the Cajuns only broke the 20-point barrier once made that move suspect to scrutiny.

In USL's season opener, the Cajuns got off to a good start against the I-AA Northeast Louisiana Indians when redshirt freshman Steve Mocek streaked 53 yards for a touchdown with 9:34 to go in the first quarter to give the home team a 7-0 advantage. NLU would later tie the score on a 77-yard drive, but a 47-yard boot from kicker Richie Cunningham staked USL to a 10-7 halftime lead. However, that edge would not last long, as the Cajuns were literally run all over in the second half by the Indians' tandem of Roosevelt Potts and Greg Robinson and were upset by Northeast 21-10. Potts bulled his way for 123 yards while Robinson chipped in 83 yards and two second-half touchdowns. Poor tackling and lackadaisical play on both sides of the ball overshadowed the

outstanding collegiate debut by Mocek, as the Lafayette native rushed for 116 yards on 16 carries.

A week later, a great robbery was staged in Mt. Pleasant, Mich., with the Cajuns being victimized by a controversial pass interference penalty on what was to be the last play of the game. The penalty, which was whistled against USL cornerback Craig Roberts on what appeared to be a legitimate defensive play, allowed the Central Michigan Chippewas to score with no time remaining for a 27-24 victory over the visiting Cajuns. Sophomore backup quarterback Tyjuan Hayes brought USL back from an early 14-0 deficit, after being forced into action when starting signal caller James Freeman broke a finger on his throwing hand. Hayes completed a 64-yard touchdown pass to wide receiver Wayde Butler and rushed for another score that gave the Cajuns a three-point advantage with 53 seconds remaining.

USL added to its losing streak on the road again at Wyoming, allowing the Cowboys to tally four first-quarter touchdowns in a span of 4:34 for a 28-15 setback to the Western Athletic Conference school. The Cajuns' frustrations mounted throughout the game, as they handed five turnovers to the Pokes, including three fumbles inside the Cowboy 10. In addition, USL quarterbacks combined for a paltry three-of-20 through the air for just 26 yards. To make things worse, Cunningham injured his kicking foot on the Cajun's first extra point attempt. The only solace for USL in defeat was the 45-yard field goal by backup kicker Mike Fontenot into a swirling wind, and the 48-yard interception return for a touchdown by defensive tackle John Robinson.

The Cajuns' traveling caravan made its next stop at Fayetteville, Ark., to tilt the Arkansas Razorbacks. From the get-go, USL came out to play, taking a 7-0 lead in the opening stanza on a Hayes 40-yard scoring jaunt down the left sideline. That would be the only touchdown tallied by either team in the game, but three field goals by the Porkers' Todd Wright dashed the Cajuns' hopes of a win once again. Cunningham, who reinjured his leg on a Hog kickoff return in the first half had a chance to give USL a one-point lead late in the fourth period but misfired on a 25-yard field goal attempt.

USL finally concluded a murderous road trip at Texas

A&M by falling to the Aggies 34-7 at College Station, Texas. The Cajuns never gave themselves a chance in the game by fumbling away five times to the Southwest Conference Champion squad. When USL returned to Cajun Field for its Homecoming contest against the Miami of Ohio Redskins, it must have seemed like another road game, since the Cajuns had not taken the field in the friendly confines of "The Swamp," for five weeks. Nevertheless, the home cooking still gave USL yet another case of turnoveritis, and all five of them enabled the Redskins to take home a 27-14 scalping, which was the Cajuns' second consecutive Homecoming loss. Sophomore linebacker Charles Pool was one of the few bright spots for USL in the setback, as he garnered Louisiana Defensive Player of the Week honors with a game-high 16 tackles.

The Tulsa Golden Hurricane blew the Cajuns to their longest losing streak since the 1973 season with a 34-20 whipping at Cajun Field a week later. With the home team faltering in the early stages of the game, Stokley decided to try to spark the offense by putting in natural freshman Reggie Hayes at quarterback, and Hayes responded by rushing for 72 yards on 15 totes and passing for 96 yards and a pair of touchdowns.

The freshman started his first collegiate game against hated intrastate rival Louisiana Tech following an open date and engineered the Cajuns to a 14-14 deadlock that snapped the seven-game skid to begin the season. The tie also snapped a five-game slide to the Bulldogs. Sophomore tailback Greg Laxey made the key play of the game by busting through the Tech defense for a 67-yard scoring scamper with 5:04 left in the final stanza. The run by Laxey offset a 178-yard rushing effort by Bulldog standout Jason Davis.

"This stops the bleeding for a while," said Stokley after the game. "We're a solid football team, and when we don't beat ourselves, we show that."

Riding the high of the tie, USL trekked back out on the road again to defeat the Northern Illinois Huskies 13-12 in chilly and windy Dekalb, Ill. The Cajuns used three big plays to raise their record to 1-7-1. One came when junior Harold Nash converted a fake punt attempt into a 71-yard touchdown run with 9:21 left in the first half. The others came on field goals of 50 and 46 yards by Cunningham in a slight blizzard with winds that gusted near 30 mph and in a wind chill of 30 degrees below zero.

Auburn would have nothing of a two-game win streak by the Cajuns the following week, as the Tigers creamed USL 50-7 when the turnover bug again bit the boys in vermilion and white for five more miscues. The Cajuns' long season finally ended with a 17-13 victory over 1-10 Arkansas State to close USL's campaign. The game at Jonesboro, Ark., was the final one for 15 Cajun seniors tackle Louis Age, linebacker Robert Arvie, tight end/linebacker Kevin Bowen, guard John Clayton, wide receiver Charlie Forman, linebacker Marshall Frank, tackle Joe Harris, safety Peter Hypolite, guard Adam Johnson, tackle Jeff Keenum, tailback Rodney Lloyce, noseguard Terrance Matthews, guard Roderick Tripp and center Troy Wingerter. Another senior, Donald Collins may be back for the 1992 season if he receives a medical hardship redshirt from the NCAA.

Tyjuan Hayes was USL's offensive leader in 1991 with 44 rushing yards and 502 passing yards. Linebacker Terrance Ross' 9 total tackles was the high mark for the Cajun squad defensively as well as the six sacks and 12 tackles for losses by Marshall Frank. Wide receiver Wayde Butler had a standout year also, as he became USL's all-time leader in career receptions with 122 and moved into third place on the all-time receiving yardage list (1,405 yards). ■

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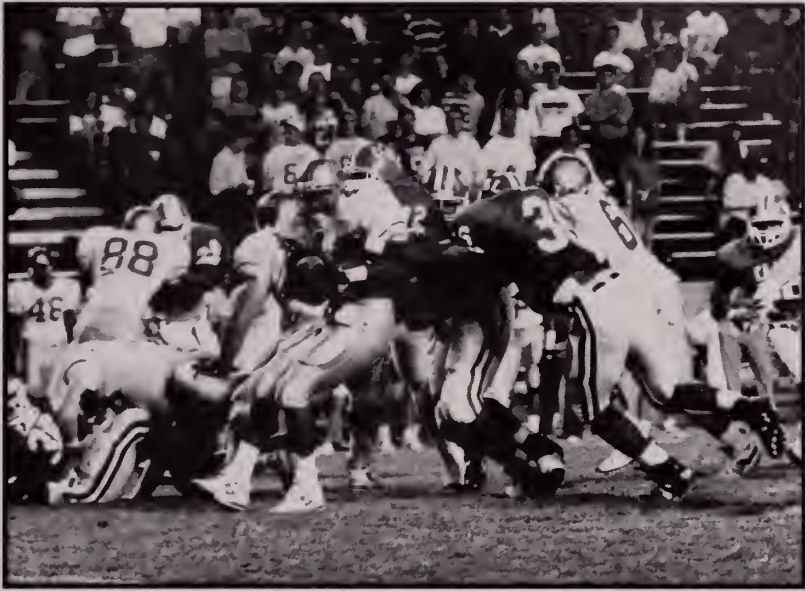
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Northeast Louisiana	10	21
Central Michigan	24	27
Wyoming	28	15
Arkansas	9	7
Texas A&M	34	7
Miami University	27	14
Tulsa	34	20
Louisiana Tech	14	14
Northern Illinois	13	12
Auburn	50	7
Arkansas	17	13

USL PUNTER RANDY BAGGETT WARMS UP PRIOR TO THE CAJUN'S TILT WITH TEXAS A&M AT KYLE FIELD IN COLLEGE STATION, TEXAS.



DANIEL LINCOLN

USL DEFENSIVE STANDOUTS JUNIOR ATKINS AND WILLIAM SIMS ATTEMPT TO BRING TULSA'S RON JACKSON IN CAJUN'S 34-20 SETBACK TO THE GOLDEN HURRICANE IN "THE SWAMP."



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DANIEL LINCOLN

CAJUN QUARTERBACK TYJUAN HAYES TRIES TO JUKE UPFIELD AWAY FROM THE AGGIE DEFENSIVE PRESSURE IN USL'S 34-7 DEFEAT AT TEXAS A&M.

Enduring a Difficult Season



BRAD KEMP

TRENELLA FRANCIS, A SOPHOMORE WHO LED THE LADY CAJUNS IN SCORING, SCOURS THE COURT FOR AN OPEN TEAMMATE.

Although the 1991 Lady Cajun basketball team sputtered to a 3-24 record, the season was not a complete failure as the squad enjoyed some individual highlights and team improvement as the season progressed.

1991 was a season in which the Lady Cajuns set a few individual school records and fought adversity to compile three victories during a six game span in the middle of the season. Though the squad played hard and determined against such superior teams as Louisiana Tech and the University of Houston, the 24 losses set a school record for most losses in a season.

Coming off an 11-16 record last season, the Cajuns dropped their first 11 games. The Lady Cajun victories came against Texas-Pan American, Central Florida, and arch rival Tulane Green Wave. The squad lost by fewer than ten points in five games during the campaign. The Lady Cajuns' victory over TexasPan-American gave the squad a 12-0 edge in the all-time series between the two universities.

Sophomore Trenella Francis led the Cajuns in scoring by averaging 12 points per contest. Senior Connie Francis and freshman Shelly Murrell also averaged better than nine points during the campaign, while Shaunda Johnson-Bedel led the team in assists with an average of nearly five per game. Johnson-Bedel and Freshman Alyson Habetz were also important contributors during the season by averaging over eight points per contest. Habetz led the squad from three point range by



BRAD KEMP



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HEAD COACH DWAYNE SEARLE, HAD A DIFFICULT FIRST YEAR WITH THE LADY CAJUNS.

FRESHMAN ALYSON HABETZ CONCENTRATES ON A FREE THROW. HABETZ WAS THE THREE-POINT BOMBER FOR USL.

converting 35 of 97 attempts during the season, including an amazing 19 for 38 three-point shooting during the final eight games of the season.

Johnson-Bedel etched her name into the USL record books as the senior from DeRidder scored 1,021 career points to place her seventh on the Lady Cajun all-time scoring list. She also had 182 steals to finish third in that category. The team leader also finished second in Lady Cajun history with 465 assists during her collegiate career.

Murrell also set school records in her first season as a Lady Cajun. Murrell broke Veronica Briscoe's ten-year school record of 34 blocks in a season by blocking 39 shots during the campaign. Murrell blocked six shots in the season finale against McNeese State to establish a new record for the Lady Cajuns.

USL Head Coach Dwayne Searle struggled through his first season as the transition from high school to collegiate basketball proved painful. 🏀

SCORES

Cajuns		Opponent		
Northeast LA	67	73		
Nicholls St.	52	72		
Stephen F. Austin	36	101		
Southern Mississippi	70	78	Southeastern LA	59 75
Baylor	44	93	Tulane	64 58
Tulane	59	77	New Orleans	51 83
Houston	69	76	Southeastern LA	51 83
New Orleans	62	67	Louisiana Tech	58 74
Northwestern St.	70	85	Arkansas St.	52 78
Louisiana Tech	40	87	Northwestern St.	67 92
Arkansas St.	49	73	Texas Pan-Am	55 72
Texas Pan-Am	66	47	Lamar	50 112
Lamar	60	105	Nicholls St.	46 52
Texas Southern	50	63	Central Florida	67 91
Central Florida	65	64	McNeese St.*	73 83

* American South Conference Tournament

SOFTBALL • By Todd Vessel

Exceeding the Expectations of a Young Team

When a team has a year in which it hosts an NCAA Regional, has a First Team All-American pitcher and another that was a two-time 20 game winner, and is ranked in the top ten in the nation, it is usually hard to top.

USL softball Head Coach Yvette Girouard nearly did just that, leading the young Lady Cajuns to a 33-10 record and a number 14 national ranking.

The vaunted pitching of past legends Stefni Whitton and Cathy McAllister was replaced by freshman Kyla Hall and sophomore Kim Heath, who created a lofty standard of their own.

The Lady Cajun offense did their part also, hitting .294 as a team and outscoring the opposition by 104 runs.

USL began the year by sweeping their own Louisiana Classics tournament in five games, beating the Samford Lady Rebels 3-1 in the title game.

SOFTBALL



LEE TAI

DORSEY STEAMER RUNS TO THIRD ON A HIT BALL. STEAMER LED THE TEAM IN STOLEN BASES WITH 28.

In the first game, a 3-1 victory over Southern Mississippi, junior outfielder Dorsey Steamer stole three bases to mark her single-game high for the season.

Tournament Most Valuable Player Trish Leidy, a junior from Lake Jackson, Texas, knocked in four RBIs in USL's 12-0 win over the Golden Eagles in game four.

The victory over Samford also gave Girouard her 300th victory at USL.

"I am real happy about getting the 300th win," the 1990 NCAA Division I "Coach of the Year" said.

The Lady Cajuns won three of their next five games, with victories over Louisiana Tech, Northeast Louisiana and McNeese State.

USL traveled to Houston next to participate in the Houston Classics tournament. Fifth-ranked Arizona State was the Lady Cajuns first-round opponent. Junior Michelle Mazac doubled in two runs in the bottom of the eighth to give USL a 5-4 victory.

The Lady Cajuns lost to Sam Houston State in the second round, but came back to top previously undefeated Nebraska 3-1 in the third round.

It was Hall's eighth victory without a defeat, the best start by a freshman pitcher in Lady Cajun history.

"I had hoped to begin really well but I didn't know what to expect," Hall said. "I've really had the support from both the defense and offense."

Following the victory over the Cornhuskers, USL had an erratic five-game stretch. The Lady Cajuns won two of the five games, stealing wins from Northwestern State and the Oklahoma Sooners.

In the 7-2 victory over the Sooners, Steamer stroked three hits, including two triples, to lead USL.

At 13-6, the Lady Cajuns seemed to be a little inconsistent.

"At times we look like a machine and at times we just make youthful mistakes," Girouard explained.

The machine side of the Lady Cajuns exploded for the



SOPHOMORE PITCHER KIM HEATH SHOWS HER HITTING FORM. HEATH WAS A 1ST TEAM ALL-LOUISIANA SELECTION.

next eleven games as USL went undefeated to raise their record to 24-6. USL beat two top-twenty teams in the streak: South Florida and South Carolina.

For their 16th win, USL beat Southern Mississippi 7-0. Heath threw a one-hitter, while Mazac smacked four hits and scored four times, both season highs for the Lady Cajuns.

Wichita State was the recipient of a no-hitter in USL's 3-0 victory over the Shockers at the Southern Invitational tournament. Hall was happy to oblige, striking out four in the process.

12th-ranked Florida State beat USL in the tournament championship, ending the Lady Cajuns win streak at eleven. USL's record stood at 24-7.

The loss to the Seminoles was an interruption in streaks, since the Lady Cajuns went on six game winning spree after the defeat. Nicholls State arrived at Lady Cajun Park and promptly lost a double-header.

Hall tossed a one-hitter in a 5-0 victory the first game.

"It was a good game, but not perfect," Hall said.

"There are always things you can do to improve on."

In game two Steamer hit a two-out single in the last inning that scored sophomore Jenni Thomas, giving USL a 4-3 victory.

Up next for the Lady Cajuns was the Frost Cutlery Classics in Chattanooga, Tennessee. Heath and Hall threw shutouts over North Carolina-Charlotte and 13th-ranked

South Carolina to open the tournament.

"We played great in both games," Girouard said.

Hall beat South Carolina again the next day, running her record to 18-3. After a 1-0 Heath shutout over Louisiana Tech, Eastern Michigan shut out the Lady Cajuns 1-0 to take the tournament title.

"However, it was a great weekend," Girouard explained. "We beat South Carolina twice and set ourselves up for another NCAA Regional bid."

Back in Lafayette, USL beat Northwestern State twice and Southern Mississippi once to run their record to 33-8.

Hall pitched two one-hitters and Heath took the other victory to end USL's regular season on a positive note.

Once again, Lady Cajun Park was host to an NCAA regional tournament. Although the field was rain-soaked, it did not stop the crowds from coming out.

Unfortunately, the Lady Cajuns were not so lucky.

Florida State topped USL 1-0 in the first game as the Lady Cajuns stranded seven baserunners. USL could only manage one hit against the Seminoles, while Hall allowed only four for the Lady Cajuns.

"The little things that we did well let us down today," Girouard said. "At this level, those things kill you."

The Oklahoma State Cowgirls were next for USL. The Lady Cajuns had a 2-0 lead heading into the bottom of the fourth, but Hall allowed three hits and two runs to OSU and the score was tied at two.

In the fifth inning Hall, who pitched both games for USL, then threw a wild pitch with a runner on third. It turned out to be the winning run as OSU won 3-2.

"To think we would be back in the same position (as last year) with this young team is mind boggling," Girouard said. "It is a great credit to the girls to be back in the regionals."

Postseason honors flooded in for the Lady Cajuns.

Steamer was named a First Team All-Louisiana, First Team All-South Region, and Third Team All-American. She led USL in six offensive categories, including batting average (.377), runs (33), hits (52), home runs (2) and stolen bases with 28.


Hall was named First Team All-Louisiana, First Team All-South Region, and "Freshman of the Year" by the Louisiana Sports Writers Association. She ended the year with a record of 20-6 and a 0.97 ERA. Hall also had 127 strikeouts and batted .333.

Heath was a First Team All-Louisiana pick with a 13-4 record and an ERA of 1.01.

Sophomore Heather Turnbow was a First Team All-South Region pick and hit .328. She was second on the team with 44 hits.

Mazac, Leidy, and freshman Alyson Habetz were all Second Team All-South Region selections. Leidy hit .311 and Mazac averaged .302 while leading USL with 24 RBIs.

Junior second baseman Cathy Sconzo was an All-Louisiana honorable mention and a GTE Academic All-District selection for District VI.

Girouard was named the National Softball Coaches Association South Region "Coach of the Year" for the second year in a row. 

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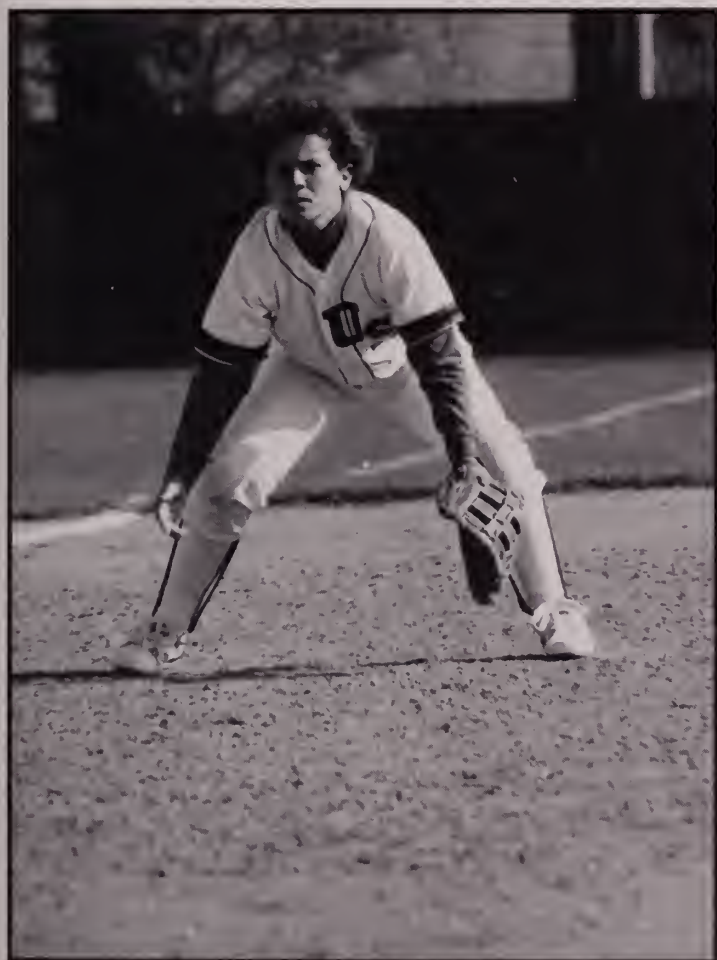
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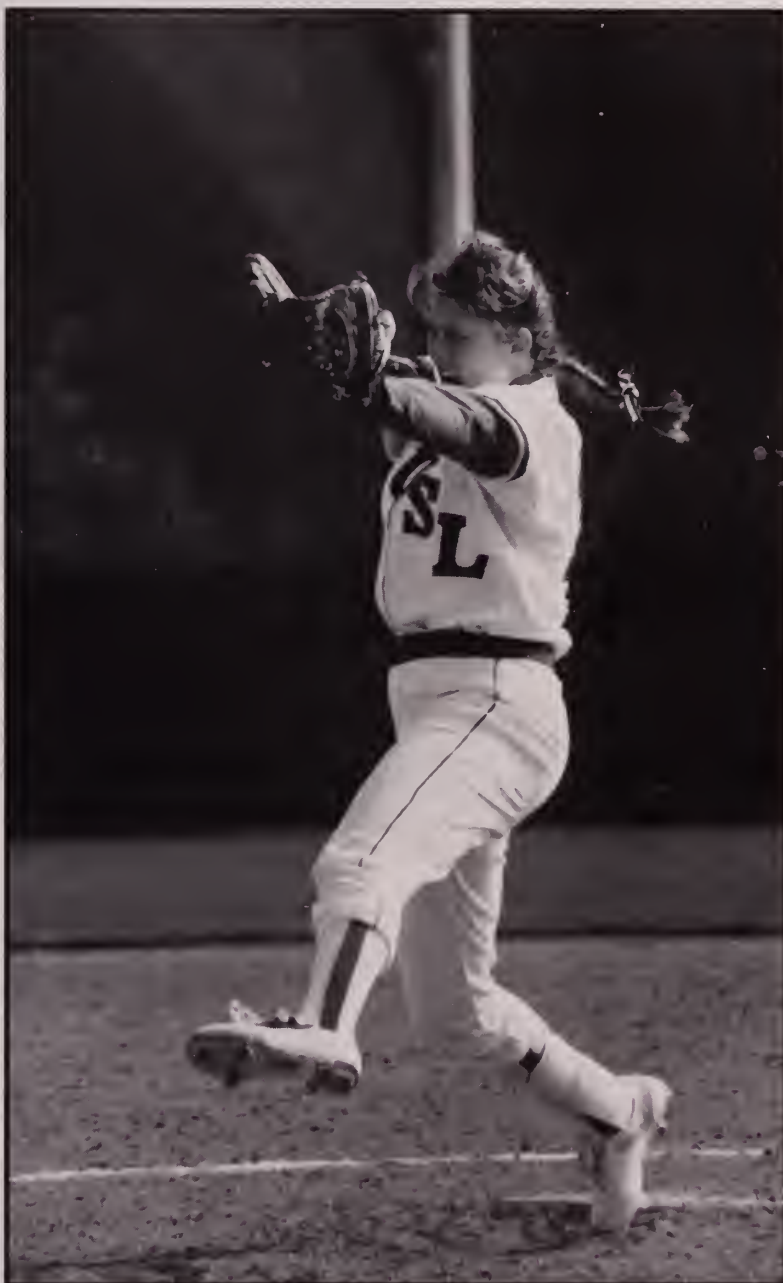
LEE TAI

CATHY SCONZO MAKES THE CATCH WHILE FRESHMAN HEATHER NEVILLE BACKS UP THE PLAY.



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HEATHER TURNBOW ANTICIPATES ACTION AT THIRD BASE. TURNBOW HIT .328 AND WAS 1ST TEAM ALL-SOUTH REGION.



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KYLA HALL DELIVERS A PITCH FOR THE LADY CAJUNS. HALL WAS VOTED "FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR" BY THE LSWA.



SENIOR DRUE STRAUB RAN DISTANCE EVENTS FOR THE CAJUNS.

BRAD KEMP

TRACK • *By Todd Vessel*

Scoring First Championship

The 1991 indoor track and field season provided a sound indication of how much success USL would have in outdoor later in the year. The men's team won the American South Conference championship while the women's team was runner-up and set nine school records on the year.

Head Coach Charles Lancon's teams were led by team points leaders Larry Moore and Twilet Malcolm, with Malcolm racing to six first-place finishes.

USL began the year in Lake Charles at the Cowboy Invitational. The Cajuns gained five first-place finishes while setting four season-high times. Senior Ruel Paul ran the 55-meter dash in 6.1 seconds and Henry Brooks, Randolph Brooks, and Grady Labbe-Hunt joined Paul to run the 4x400-meter relay in 3:15.3 minutes.

Malcolm, a junior from Spanishtown, Jamaica, ran the 55-meter dash in 6.9 seconds at the same time senior Drue Straub set a season-high mark with 11:02 in the 3,000-meter run.

The Cajuns returned to compete in the McNeese State Invitational and captured four first-place slots. Junior Chad Callais ran a season-high 4:15 in the 1,600-meter run, while Windell Dobson and Malcolm both won the long jump.

At the Oklahoma City Invitational, USL set two school records and provisionally qualified four participants for the NCAA National Championships. Moore, a junior transfer from Blinn Junior College, set a school mark with a triple-jump total of 52-7 1/2.

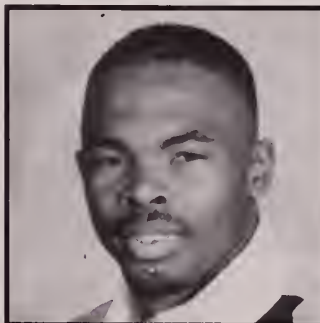
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4 feet. Malcolm set a record in the 55-meter dash with a 6.9 clocking.

Season highs were set when Dobson leaped 25-0 1/2 feet in the long jump, when Moore ran a 7.35 in the 55-meter hurdles, and when the mile relay team ran a 3:16.79.

"We came up here to make a national impression with USL track, and we did it," assistant coach Tommy Badon said. "People across the country know who we are now."

The Cajuns tuned up for the ASC Meet by posting four first-place finishes and setting two records at the LSU Invitational. Malcolm set a record and gained an NCAA qualifying mark with a long jump of 20-3 1/2 feet.

Deanie Broussard flew a record 57.24 seconds in the 400-meter dash, breaking her sister's old mark set in 1987.

USL's crowning glory came at the ASC Championships at Arkansas State. The Cajuns set twelve season-high marks, led by the women's six school records.

The men's team won their first conference championship in indoor track by two points over Louisiana Tech, but the women's team came up two points short of powerful Arkansas State.

Aside from winning and becoming runners-up, a great number of runners set individual records.

"We had hoped for something like this, but having it happen is like a dream come true," Lancon said.

The men's team gained five first place finishes with the outstanding 4x400-meter relay team of Paul, Labbe-Hunt, Randolph Brooks and Henry Brooks leading the charge.

The Texas Tech Last Chance Meet drew the season to a close for the teams. The women's team seized two first-place

finishes and USL set two more school records and three season-highs.

For the men, Paul set a season-high in the 200-meter dash with a time of 21.51. Henry Brooks set a record in the 400-meter dash, clocking in at 47.17.

Malcolm was victorious in the 55-meter dash and Broussard won the 400-meter dash. Broussard also set a record in the triple jump with a 39-4 foot total.

Larry Moore qualified to participate in the NCAA Indoor Championships in the triple-jump event. Moore's chance to become an All-American was dashed when he failed to achieve a top-6 finish. ■

indoor

SCORES •

	Men	Women
Cowboy Invitational Meet	83.5	21
McNeese Invitational Meet	58	23
Daily Oklahoman Classic	45	14
LSU Open	76	36
ASC Championships	1st of 6	2nd of 6
Texas Tech Last Chance Meet	24	22

Gaining All-American Status and the ASC Title

In only his second year at the helm of the USL track program, Head Coach Charles Lancon guided the Cajuns to their first-ever American South Conference championship.

That's not all the Cajuns accomplished. USL set five school records for the year and qualified in five events for the NCAA Championships in Eugene, Ore.

The road to success began in Lafayette at the Southwestern Relays. USL captured three first-place finishes at rain-soaked Cajun Track, setting a record in the shuttle hurdle relay with a time of 58.52 seconds.

After participating in the Texas Southern Relays, in which the 4x400-meter relay team made a strong showing and junior Windell Dobson set a season-high in the long jump with a leap of 25-2 feet, USL took a partial squad to the Cowboy Relays at McNeese State. But it was the next meet that the Cajuns had prepared for.

In the seventh annual Louisiana Classics Meet at Cajun Track, USL claimed four firsts and set two season-highs. Larry Moore totaled 51-11 3/4 feet in the triple jump and Dobson raced to a 10.46 in the 100-meter dash.

The Cajuns journeyed to Austin, Texas next for the Texas Relays. A new record was set by the sprint medley relay team with a time of 3:19.16. Sophomore Jonathan Granger set a season-high in the 10,000-meter run with 33:08.24.

WINDELL DOLSON GOES AIRBORNE IN THE LONG JUMP.



FRESHMAN SHANNON TINTON TRIES TO SET TEAM MARK IN THE HIGH JUMP.



SOPHOMORE GRADY SAE-HUNT LEADS THE PACK IN THE 110-METER HURDLES.

The next important meet for USL was the San Jacinto Quadrangular in Pasadena, Texas. The Cajuns won the meet and claimed six first-place finishes. Henry Brooks set a season-high in the 400-meter run, checking in at 46.37 seconds.

The Drake Relays in Iowa was the stage for the greatest meet in Cajun track and field history. USL became only the third school in history to sweep all three relay events, the 4x100-meter, 4x200-meter, and 4x400-meter in one year. The victories came following some of the best competition in the nation.

The sensational 4x400 team of Ruel Paul, Grady Labbe-Hunt, Randolph Brooks, and Henry Brooks set a school record and automatically qualified for the NCAA Championships with their time of 3:03.51. The triumph ended powerhouse Baylor's 35-race winning streak.

"We wanted our shot at Baylor and today we got them," Henry Brooks said.

A record was also set in the 4x200-meter relay by the same team, coming in at 1:22.08. A season-high was set in the other relay by sophomore Troy Tauriac, Dobson, Labbe-Hunt, and Paul with the time of 39.64 seconds.

"It was an unbelievable meet," Lancon said. "Our ultimate goal today was to qualify for the NCAAs, and we went out and did it."

USL rested up for the ASC championships by sending a partial squad to the Northwestern Demon Relays. Hunter Golden set a season-high in the discus with a 135-9 foot heave and Shannon Linton set a high with a leap of 6-11 3/4 in the high jump.

The Cajuns totaled eight first-place positions at the ASC meet in Ruston and won the championship by 32 points over Louisiana Tech. Sophomore Rocky Guidry set a record in the javelin with a launch of 235-9 feet, which also qualified him for the NCAA Championships.

men's track

SCORES •

60th Southwestern Relays	100 pts.	7th Louisiana Classics Meet	93 pts.
Texas Southern Relays	40 pts.	Texas Relays	28 pts.
Cowboy Relays	27 pts.	LA. Tech Twilight Meet	34 pts.
		San Jacinto Quadrangular Meet 1st of 4	
		Drake Relays	51 pts.
		Northwestern 10-K Invitational	42 pts.

Dobson set a season-high with a 20.72 sprint in the 200-meter dash, freshman Rich Treglia ran a 54.45 400-meter hurdles, and Ray Moody had a shot put of 48-7 feet.

"This has got to be the top," Lancon said. "The kids did a great job."

The NCAA National Championships awaited the Cajuns next. But there was some down before the up. Guidry suffered a torn rib cartilage and could not advance into the finals. Dobson was disqualified in the 200-meter dash for stepping on a line in a controversial call. Triple jumper Moore could not advance to the finals, missing the cut by two places.

However, the 4x400 team of Paul, Labbe-Hunt, Henry Brooks, and Randolph Brooks achieved All-America status, finishing sixth in the finals.

"I'm not disappointed in them at all," LSWA Coach of the Year Lancon said. "They made All-America and beat [NCAA champion Baylor] during the year."

"It will help us next year," Henry Brooks said. "We'll be back, and we will be ready."



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BRAD KEMP

Setting Records and Taking the Championship



KELLY TOBIN IS FOLLOWED BY JACKIE FLETCHER-WASHINGTON AS THEY SPLASH THERE WAY THROUGH THE 1500-METER RUN.



JACKIE FLETCHER-WASHINGTON, A SENIOR FROM HOUSTON, TEXAS, RACES TO VICTORY IN THE 800-METER RUN.

With one of their strongest seasons in many years, the women's track team captured the American South Conference championship, reversing their close loss earlier in the indoor season.

In the process, the Cajuns set 12 school records out of a possible 19 events.

USL set the tone early in the Southwestern Relays. The Cajuns won three events and set a record in the 4x800-meter relay. The team of Jackie Fletcher-Washington, Cathy Asevedo, Drue Straub, and Kelly Tobin came in at 9:52.80, and Tobin won the 1500-meter run also.

At the Texas Southern Relays the Cajuns broke three records and set four season-highs. Twilet Malcolm was a part of all three records, setting marks in the long jump with a leap of 19-11 feet and dashing 11.41 in the 100-meter dash while also being part of the sprint medley relay team that clocked 1:44.37. Tobin set a season mark by posting 4:42.97 in the 1500-meter run.

The Louisiana Classics Meet at Cajun Track was next for USL after the Cowboy Relays. The Cajuns came in first four times, including placing the top three finishers in the 400-meter dash. Deanie Broussard won, followed by Abby Temple and Ruth Garcia. Temple set a season high in the 100-meter hurdles with a time of 15.30 seconds.

After participating in the Texas Relays, USL traveled to Ruston for the Louisiana Tech Twilight Meet. The Cajuns garnered five firsts and set one record. Broussard set the mark in the 400-meter dash, racing to a 55.30 time.



BRAD KEMP

TWILET MALCOLM HANDS THE BATON TO VICKY MALVEY IN THE 4X100-METER RELAY.

Tobin set another record at the San Jacinto Quadrangular when she ran 10:17.74 to win the 3,000-meter run. Broussard again won the 400-meter dash and sophomore Chanda Dawson set a season mark with a 127-1 foot toss in the discus.

Next, USL stormed into Ruston and proceeded to claim the ASC title by four and a half points. Along the way the Cajuns broke six records and set ten season landmarks.

Broussard set or was a part of four records. She set marks in the triple jump (39-7 1/2), the high jump (5-2 1/4), and was part of the 4x100-meter relay team that clocked in at 46.83. In addition, she ran on the 4x400-meter relay team that was timed at 3:47.01. The other members of the teams were Sue Sue Jolivette, Fletcher-Washington, Vicky Mulvey, and Malcolm.

Cathy Asevedo, an Academic All-American, had a javelin throw of 130-11 feet and a time of 18:34.55 in the 5,000-meter run.

"I was happy just to break the school record," she said, adding, "It feels like I stole something."

Other season highs were Malcolm's 23.89 in the 200-meter dash, Fletcher-Washington's 2:13.63 in the 800-meter run, Temple's 400-meter hurdle time of 1:05.61, and Ronda Roan's shot put of 29-4 3/4 feet.

W O M E N ' S S C O R E S

60th Southwestern Relays	60 pts.
Texas Southern Relays	22 pts.
Cowboy Relays	21 pts.
7th Louisiana Classics Meet	100 pts.
Texas Relays	No Places
LA. Tech Twilight Meet	93 pts.
San Jacinto Quadrangular Meet	4th of 4
Drake Relays	8 pts.
Northwestern 10-K Invitational	62 pts.
ASC Championships	1st of 6
Houston Meet Of Champions	16 pts.

Malcolm's 11.41 seconds 100-meter dash record was good enough for her to qualify for the NCAA Championships. But her time was run at Texas Southern, and they could not find the finish line photograph needed to verify her time. 📷

As Luck Would Have It

Superstitions, alive and well among university athletes, may help USL 'sock' it to the competition

• By Stacy Landreth •

SOCKS. EVERYONE WEARS THEM. BUT, ATHLETICALLY SPEAKING, WHAT IS THE ONE THING THAT THEY ALL HAVE IN COMMON?

If an athlete has a good game wearing a particular pair, he or she may wear the same pair to every game — they might not even wash them. Or they might put them on in a certain way for each game.

According to USL softball player Cathy Sconzo,

“Coach Girouard has worn the same pair of socks to each game for the past ten years.” One can assume that she washes them occasionally.

Superstitions, once thought to be a product of witchcraft and black magic, play a vital role in athletics. Especially baseball. Watching movies such as *Bull Durham* allows a peak at the magnitude to which these rituals work in the lives of the big hitters.

USL baseball player, catcher Paul Bako said, “A lot of guys do the same things in the batter’s box, like taking the same number of practice swings.” Bako reiterated the sock ritual and said that baseball players do exactly the same things in the same order before each game. He said some players put the right legs of their pants on first or their left shoe — whatever works.

“Some guys even eat the same exact meals before each game,” Bako said.

Softball player Sconzo added that some girls wear the same bra for every game. And as a team, during the prayer and pep talk, everyone must stand in the same place.

Perhaps the strangest ritual involves traveling to away games.

“When we are in the vans for road trips, whenever we go over railroad tracks everyone has to touch a screw for good luck,” said Sconzo.

FOOTBALL PLAYER RODERICK TRIPP HAS A “LUCKY BANDANNA” HE WEARS UNDER HIS HELMET EVERY GAME.



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But baseball and softball players aren't the only athletes with superstitious minds.

Cross country runner Paul Kreamer shaves one strip of hair down the side of his leg for luck. "I also feel better when I get a haircut before a big race. A lot of guys do this too," Kreamer said.

Volleyball player Kim Caughon said that she knows of girls who wear their hair the same way each game following a successful game with a particular hairdo. "You don't want to mess anything up," Caughon said. ■



JOHN WEIMER

CROSS COUNTRY RUNNER PAUL KREAMER SHAVES A THIN STRIP OF HAIR OFF OF HIS LEG BEFORE HE RUNS. HE SAID, "I ALSO FEEL BETTER WHEN I GET A HAIRCUT."



TREY COKER, A SOPHOMORE MAJORING IN BUSINESS, WAS A MAJOR CONTRIBUTOR FOR THE CAJUNS.

GOLF • By Todd Kleinpeter

Capturing a Third Straight Conference Crown

The 1991 USL Golf Team claimed its third consecutive American South Conference championship to highlight a season of rebuilding for the Cajuns. With the graduation of last year's Louisiana Collegiate Golfer of the Year, Craig Perks, and the resignation of 1990 Coach of the Year, Louie Alford, the squad attempted to remain competitive following last season's number nine national ranking.

The Cajuns began the season under Alford by finishing third in their first tournament, the Colorado-Fox Acres Invitational. The squad shot a three-day total of 281-296-290—867. Senior Ulfar Jonsson finished third in the tournament individually by firing a 67-71-73—211.

The Intercollegiate Invitational was next for the golfers. They finished third out of 18 teams, while only three strokes separated the Cajuns from the tournament champion, the University of Houston.

Junior Rob McKelvey won the Harvey Penick Intercollegiate Tournament as the team placed second. McKelvey claimed the title by finishing with a score of five under par, 73-67-71—211.



JUNIOR ROB MCKELVEY WON THE HARVEY PENICK INTERCOLLEGIATE TOURNAMENT IN AUSTIN, TEXAS.

SENIOR ULFAR JONNSEN, A NATIVE OF ICELAND, LED THE CAJUNS IN STROKE AVERAGE.



After some disappointing tournaments and the resignation of Coach Alford, the Cajun golfers were sparked by the announcement that former USL golf standout Bob Bass would serve as interim coach. In Bass' first tournament as coach, the sixth annual Louisiana Classics, the team finished third.

The Cajuns then pulled off the greatest upset of the season, winning the American South Championships by defeating conference favorite Central Florida on the final day of competition. Trailing by one stroke after the first day of competition, USL overwhelmed the field on the second day to win the tournament by nine strokes. The Cajun golfers were brilliant as many individuals did well in the tournament. Jonsson fired a two under par, 71-71—142, to claim the individual title, while Chris Popp finished in a tie for second place. Sophomore Trey Coker also enjoyed a successful tournament, finishing in a tie for sixth with McKelvey.

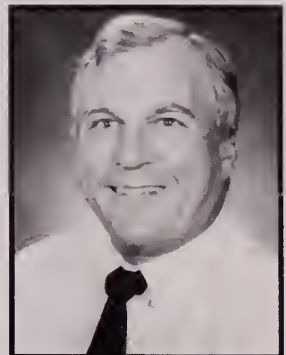
The campaign concluded as the Cajuns finished 14th of 21 teams in the NCAA Central Qualifying Regional. Despite firing their best round on the final day of the tournament, the squad finished 12 strokes shy of qualifying for the NCAA Championships.

Ulfar Jonsson and Trey Coker were named All-Louisiana by the Louisiana Sports Writers Association, and Rob McKelvey was named Newcomer of the Year.

Other participating members of the 1991 Cajun Golf Team included senior Ed Gianelloni, junior Johan Naslund, and freshman Lane Kincaid. ☞

A L'Acadien Sports Profile

Bob Bass
• By Todd Kleinpeter •



WHEN GOLF COACH LOUIE Alford announced his resignation in Feb. 1991 to pursue an athletic director and head football coach position at a Tennessee high school, USL Athletic Director Nelson Stokley was forced to find a replacement for the highly successful coach. Alford, who led the Cajuns to consecutive top 15 finishes, left the squad in the experienced hands of former USL golf standout Bob Bass.

Bass was born in Crowley, but he spent a lot of his childhood in Lafayette. Bass began Bass Travel, Ltd., a Lafayette travel agency, with his wife Linda and is extremely active in his support of golf in Acadiana. Bass has been on the board of directors for the Louisiana State Golf Association for nearly 20 years and is a past president. He is also a former president of Acadian Hills and board of directors member at LeTriomphe. He is currently a member of the board of directors at Oakbourne Country Club and of the Louisiana Open tournament. In addition, Bass began the USL Homecoming golf tournament, an event later renamed the Bill Bass Alumni Open, in honor of Bass' late father.

Bass' golf career has been extensive and impressive, having begun play at age 13. He went on to be a four-year letterman for the Cajuns and was named captain during his senior campaign. In addition to golf, Bass was a two-year letterman in football during his college days, having been awarded a football scholarship after walking on as a freshman. And he was an original member of Sigma Nu fraternity at USL.

Bass, looking forward to his first full season Cajuns head coach, said, "There's only one spot that I like, that's number one."



	Cajuns
Colorado-Fox Acres Invitational	3rd of 12
Woodlands Intercollegiate Inv.	3rd of 18
LSU National Invitational	10th of 12
Harvey Penick Intercollegiate	2nd of 12
Golf World/Palmetto Dunes Collegiate	15th of 18
Gator Invitational	15th of 18
Border Olympics	11th of 15
Louisiana Classics	3rd of 15
Fresno State-Lexus Classic	7th of 15
Western Intercollegiate Tournament	10th of 23
American South Championships	1st of 7
Ping-Oak Tree Intercollegiate	8th of 14
NCAA Central Qualifying Regional	14th of 21



LEE TAI

MIKE RICHARDS SWATS A FOREHAND IN ONE OF HIS 15 VICTORIES.

MEN'S TENNIS • By Todd Kleinpeter

Prevailing Over a Tough Schedule

The 1991 Men's Tennis Team overcame a difficult schedule to gain its second consecutive winning season under Head Coach Erick Iskersky. The Cajun netters compiled a 13-11 record during a season of highs and lows. During one span of the campaign the squad won eight of nine matches.

The Cajuns enjoyed a winning season despite having no seniors on the team and only three players with two varsity letters. The 1991 schedule was certainly the most difficult in Iskersky's three years at USL. The Cajuns defeated such teams as Ohio State, Southern Mississippi and Tulane. The young squad was impressive in losses to such members of the NCAA hierarchy as Auburn, Tennessee, Miami (Fla.), and Florida State. In the season finale against Tennessee, who was ranked number six in the nation at the time, the squad claimed victories by Hall Bohlinger and Mike Abendroth, the numbers two and three seed singles, before falling to the powerful Volunteers in doubles competition.

Of the tournament, Iskersky said, "We played loose, as we should have against the number six team in the country. Hall and Mike played their best tennis of the year."



NUMBER ONE SEED PATRICK MINNIS LEAPS FOR A RETURN. MINNIS HAD A 12-13 RECORD FOR THE YEAR



SPORTS INFORMATION

JUNIOR HALL BOHLINGER WAS AN IMPORTANT PART, OF THE CAJUNS SUCCESS.



SPORTS INFORMATION

MIKE RICHARDS SWATS A FOREHAND IN ONE OF HIS VICTORIES.


Freshman John Phillips led the team by compiling a 16-5 singles record. Sophomore Mike Richards and junior Bohlinger also enjoyed successful seasons compiling records of 15-5 and 15-10 respectively. Other members of the team were Patrick Minnis, Shawn Heinchon, Mike Abendroth, Nick Stritt, and Trae Thibodeaux.

There were many individual accomplishments for the Cajuns as well. Number one seed Patrick Minnis was the only Cajun to advance to the third round of the USL-Lee Michael/Rolax Tennis Classic in October. Minnis, a junior, also advanced into the finals of the University of West Florida Fling Tournament. Philips made this an exciting tournament for the USL faithful by claiming the consolation title of the tournament.

Bohlinger was elected to the Louisiana Sports Writers Association (LSWA) All-Louisiana Tennis Team. And Philips was elected to the LSWA Honorable Mention Team.

With the entire squad returning next season and a good recruiting season, the Cajuns should enjoy success in future campaigns. Coach Iskersky said, "We need more strength up and down the lineup. That way if you have a bad day, other spots will come through for you."

With three seniors on the squad next season, the experienced Cajuns should improve against their difficult

schedule and possibly return to the national prominence they attained from 1985-1988 with four consecutive top-25 rankings. 

SCORES •

Cajuns	Opponent		
Florida St.	1	8	
West Florida	5	4	
Texas A&M	0	8	
Auburn	2	5	Southern Illinois 6 0
Rice	1	8	SW Texas St. 8 0
Tulane	9	0	Southern Mississippi 6 3
Alabama	1	7	Miami (Fla.) 2 6
Southern Mississippi	5	1	Ohio State 5 2
Arkansas	1	5	Florida International 5 3
Florida St.	4	5	Northeast LA 5 1
Trinity	5	2	Lamar 8 0
SMU	3	5	Mississippi St. 1 5
Murray St.	5	1	Texas-Arlington 5 1
			Tennessee 2 6

Claiming the American South Conference Title



LEE TAI

JENNIFER HENO, A SENIOR FROM SHREVEPORT, WAS ALL-LOUISIANA FOR THE SECOND TIME.

For the second consecutive season, the Lady Cajun Tennis Team claimed the American South Conference title.

The 1991 squad compiled a 13-12 overall record. The Lady Cajuns went undefeated for the second consecutive season in American South competition, losing only two individual matches in ASC play this season.

Senior Jennifer Heno left behind a legacy for the Cajuns by claiming her fifth and sixth league championships. The Lady Cajun M.V.P. won the number one-seed singles championship and paired with freshman Nan Marcello for the number one-seed doubles title.

Fourth-seeded Vanessa Campos, fifth-seeded Tiffany Williams, and sixth-seeded Adele Hunter claimed singles championships in their divisions as well. And Hunter and Lauren Sheppard combined to claim the number three seed doubles championship.

During the season, the Lady Netters were led by Heno and Hunter. These two combined for a cumulative 35-15 overall record. Hunter, a sophomore who will return next season, enjoyed a 13-4 doubles campaign with Sheppard. The doubles team of Heno and Marcello was also very impressive, posting a 12-5 mark. Freshman Campos and Williams each boasted of a 15-12 singles record and teamed up for a 14-8 doubles record. Newcomer Erica Hardy also competed for the Cajuns during the 1991 campaign.

The Fans' Turn

Fans and supporters are as much a part of the Cajun sports scene as hot dogs and cheerleaders

• By Stella C. Theriot •

KEN ARDOIN IS VERY OUTSPOKEN ABOUT HIS LOVE FOR USL. AND HE CAN BACK UP HIS WORDS.

As a student at USL, Ardoin walked the university mascot bulldog, Gee, on the field during football games. The year following Gee's untimely death, Ardoin, ever-spirited, dressed up as a bulldog for the games.

Ardoin, who continued his stint on the Alumni Association Board of Directors this year, served as association president in 1988. That year, under a banner theme, "Traditions at USL," he revived a cheer he remembered from his college days. The cheer goes, "Yeah rouge, yeah blanc, yeah Cajuns — Allons!"

That kind of USL enthusiasm has punctuated the Dallas resident's active life.

He attends about eight of eleven football games each year, many of them on the road. He makes as many as his position as lobbyist for Dallas's Pfizer Pharmaceuticals will allow him to.

USL's Walk of Honor is Ardoin's brainchild. The Walk is a portion of the colonnade, near Martin Hall, that's paved with bricks etched with the names of USL's earliest alumni.

"The idea was that no university exists without students. We should honor those students who make a commitment to higher education and follow through because 50 percent of the people who start their freshman year don't finish," Ardoin said.

He said that even if a person gives USL \$5 million, he can't be in The Walk if he doesn't have a degree from USL. And he said he hopes that one day somebody considering dropping out of school will walk there and be inspired to finish.

If you're not convinced yet that Ardoin is the staunchest of Cajun supporters, wait until you hear about the decor of his Texas home.

"I have a USL room in my home," Ardoin said. He has a room lined with pictures, a football helmet, banners, hats, T-shirts and other USL memorabilia.

And he takes pride in explaining how all of his children know the words to the Cajun fight song. Ardoin's son Brett was a USL senior majoring in Theater this year.

Ardoin has a number of USL compatriots who share his pride in their alma mater.

Show up at the big oak tree at Cajun Field on Bertrand Drive for any home football game, and you will find Bill Petry and his friends there.

LONG-TIME CAJUN SUPPORTER FLO HATCHER IS CO-PRESIDENT OF LOUISIANA CLASSICS, INC., AND ONCE GOT A KICK OUT OF BEING THE ONLY WOMAN IN THE CAJUN LOCKER ROOM.



TOM JUBB



JOHN WEIMER

FORMER ALUMNI ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT KEN ARDOIN TRAVELS FROM HIS DALLAS HOME TO LAFAYETTE OR WHEREVER THE CAJUNS ARE PLAYING TO MAKE MOST OF THE FOOTBALL GAMES EACH SEASON. HE EXPLAINS THE VIRTUES OF PULLING FOR USL TO THREE YOUNG SPORTS FANS.

SINCE THE EARLY 1980s, PETRY AND 20 TO 30 OF HIS FRIENDS HAVE GATHERED AT THE SAME SPOT FOR PREGAME TAILGATE BARBECUES.

"This is about as informal as it gets," Petry said. He and his friends set up a unique folding barbecue pit. Everyone brings sausage, bread and drinks. Tailgates provide the seating.

The gathering even has a Port-a-let. "We've come a long way," Petry said.

Petry makes all the home football games, and quite a few away ones. The idea of attending the away games is to make friends, according to Petry. He said that one of his friends calls the traveling group "ambassadors."

The group sets up their tailgate party at the out-of-town games and welcomes all who pass by. They meet a lot of people and give them a taste of South Louisiana and USL. When the tailgating is over, Petry leaves the portable pit with someone. "We have them all over the country, wherever USL has played."


Petry is a fan of all USL sports and attends as many as his job as Office Manager at Schilling Distributors will allow.

Petry explained why he stays so active in the USL scene. "I fell in love with USL my first day," he said. "It's your job [to be involved] if you love USL."

Unlike Ardoin and Petry, Flo Hatcher is not a USL graduate. But she does love USL. You can see that on the billboards around town that sport a happy face and a message that reads, "I love the Ragin' Cajuns —Flo Hatcher."

Hatcher became familiar with USL because of her husband's position as a Lafayette sports writer. She and her husband attended all the sporting events for years. And when her husband's health failed, Hatcher even attended weekly athletic press conferences.

"I would tape the meetings for my husband," Hatcher explained. She said that, at that time, she was the only woman in the locker room. She said that didn't intimidate her and that she often asked questions the men wouldn't.

Both of Hatcher's children, Jeff and Julee, attend USL, and she's co-president of USL's Louisiana Classics, Inc. Hatcher said that USL sports makes up the bulk of her husband's and her social life. She said, "My life is a ball — softball, volleyball, football. . ." 



STACY SCHMIDT AND
AND A LADY CAJUN
TEAMMATE BLOCK AN
OPPOSING PLAYER'S
SHOT.

DANIEL LINCOLN

VOLLEYBALL • *By Trent Myers*

Breaking Training

A season that began with the bright hopes and the victory-forged bonds of camaraderie ended with a double defeat and four players being booted from USL's volleyball team.

Ten players, six of whom were starters, had returned from the previous year with their victorious 32-12 season fresh on their hearts. A new coach and competition in the newly formed Sunbelt Athletic Conference offered hopes of a promising season.

Cheryl Lambert, whose college coaching career began this August, looked optimistically on her first college season. "I felt that I could not have stepped into a more perfect situation," Lambert said. "To have such talented athletes that I felt were just gonna rise right to the top."

However, toward the end of the season, that optimism yielded to the reality of disappointment.

With only five of 35 matches played on their home court, it was imperative that the Lady Cajuns play well on the road. But playing most games on the road was taking its toll. While the team was victorious in all five home games, it lost 16 of its 30 away games.

Though the 19-16 record gave the Lady Cajuns their sixth straight winning season, the end of season was not filled with the glorious spirit of victory. During the weekend of the Sunbelt Conference, which capped the season, the team was eliminated after only two matches. Lambert's hopes of winning the finals ended in defeat.

"Nothing went well," Lambert said. "It was the worst trip we ever made — the worst performance of all 35 games that we played. I didn't know why my team lost. It sure didn't have anything to do with athletic ability, because we had more than any team there."

The next day Lambert learned that after the game some of the players had been drinking, and, she concluded, since they were in a dry county that could only mean one thing: they had brought the liquor along on the trip.

Team members confessed that there had been drinking after the game.

"I was upset and on the trip home said very little," Lambert said. Several days later, she called four players — Jennifer Autry, Chanda Dawson, Teresa Geist and Jennifer Wooderson — and had them turn in their uniforms.

She said that though she had never laid down her law regarding alcohol consumption, the players knew where she stood. She added that her motive for knocking the girls off the team went deeper than this incident.


"The drinking was icing on the cake," she said. "Talent-wise, some of these young ladies had it, but the other part — the personalities, the attitudes — they did not reflect me. It takes more than just athletic ability to win," she said. "To have the opportunity to go to conference and be the conference champs meant everything to me. Because of their action, because of bringing the alcohol, I don't think it mattered to them. That upset me more than the actual drinking that went on."

She said that she does not want players on her team who do not reflect her own "win" attitude, an attitude that values the team and the game as monumental priorities. She added that Autry, Dawson, Geist and Wooderson did not reflect that attitude.

"I'm going to continue to get players that are going to fill my criteria. Next year if I get 15 more players in here and five of them are not the kind of players that I want, then I will probably ask them to leave too."

Lambert is USL's sixth volleyball coach.

Originally from Louisiana, she worked as assistant volleyball coach at B.F. Terry High School in Richmond, Texas. There, her team finished third-place in the district. She also coached at Northshore High in Slidell for six years, winning recognition first as district, then as state Coach of the Year. USL marks her initiation as a college trainer.

At press time the four expelled players were seeking to appeal Lambert's action. 



DANIEL LINCOLN

SETTER JULIE WILSON PREPARES TO ASSIST KIM CALLAWAY DURING LADY CAJUN COURT ACTION.



DANIEL LINCOLN

IN RAPT ATTENTION KIM CAUGHON AND OTHERS WATCH THE PLAY.

SCORES •

	USL	Opp			
Tulane	3	0	Tulane	3	0
South Alabama	3	0	New Orleans	3	0
Baylor	1	3	Louisiana tech	3	2
Miss. State	1	3	Arkansas State	2	3
Nicholls State	3	2	Lamar	3	1
Northeast La.	3	0	UTPA	3	0
Michigan State	3	2	Southern Miss.	3	0
Louisiana State	0	3	Louisiana Tech	3	1
Ball State	0	3	Arkansas State	0	3
McNeese State	3	0	Louisiana Tech	3	1
Southwest Texas	1	3	New Orleans	0	3
Univ. of Houston	1	3	Central Florida	3	0
Army	3	2	Southern Miss.	3	0
Northeast La.	3	1	Rice	2	3
Arkansas State	3	1	W. Kentucky	0	3
UA, Birmingham	2	3	Arkansas-LR	0	3
Ole Miss	0	3			
Nicholls State	3	0			
McNeese State	2	3			

CROSS COUNTRY • By Karen Lew

Crossing Country For the Cajuns



CAMMY ALBARADO

AS IN THIS RACE, CAJUN RUNNERS OFTEN FINISHED AHEAD OF THE PACK.

Entering a new Cross Country season and the new Sun Belt Athletic Conference, Coach Carl Lawson said he was unsure of how the Cajuns would fare during the season with the loss of Kelly Tobin, the star of the team for the past two years.

This year the Cajuns participated in four meets and the Sun Belt Championship. Cathy Asevedo lead the women runners in all four of the meets. Asevedo finished with an outstanding time of 12:49 over the two-mile course at the Southeastern Louisiana Invitational.

The SLU Invitational was the first meet of the season for the Cajuns. With Asevedo's first place finish and the rest of the team's effort, the team finished in fourth place in the meet, among nine other competing teams.

The next outing was the USL Invitational. Once again Asevedo finished with the best time for the Cajuns. Asevedo, in third place with a time of 18:59, was followed by top newcomer Jennifer Harris. Harris came in at

seventeenth place with a time of 19:53.

The Louisiana State Invitational, where Harris had her best performance of the year, was next up on the Cajun's schedule. She finished in fifth place with a time of 20:47. Because of conflicts with Homecoming activities, Asevedo, who was selected as a court member, was unable to participate in the LSU Invitational. Ruth Garcia filled in for Asevedo. Garcia rounded out the five-runner roster required by the conference.

The last meet before the conference championship was the Pelican Cup held on the New Orleans Lakefront. Asevedo lead the team again claiming eleventh place, while Harris took thirty-first place.

At the conference championship, the team would try and better their previous second place conference finishes. Unfortunately, because of illness and injuries, the team finished in thirteenth place overall in the conference. Asevedo finished with an astounding time of 20:03 over the 5,000-meter course. She summarized the season, saying, "All of the girls ran exceptionally well for having such a young team."

Members of the team included Asevedo, Harris, Garcia, Amy Cassidy, Maria Gatch, Aimee Dugan and Gina LaFontaine.

The men's team also finished with a very fine season. Junior Johnathan Granger led that team with several finishes in the top ten.

In the first meet, the SLU Invitational, USL had three runners finishing in the top ten. Granger captured first place in 21:16, followed by teammate Kevin Castille in third place with 21:55 and Chad Callais in eighth place with a time of 22:17. Along with a great effort from rest of the team, the Cajuns captured the meet title.

Coming off of a successful finish in Hammond, the team ran in their own meet, the USL Invitational. Blinn College, LSU, UNO, Nicholls State, Southeastern Louisiana, McNeese State, Southern, Tulane and Northwestern participated with the Cajuns. Castille lead the team with a third-place finish in 20:17 followed by teammate Granger in fourth place with a time of 20:22. Overall, the Cajuns captured first place.

Two straight meet titles were on the line when the Cajuns competed in the Louisiana State Invitational. Caais lead the Cajuns, finishing in third place with a time of 26:09. Joel Chesimet was eighth place with a time of 26:57. The Cajns kept their streak of titles alive with a first-place finish in aton Rouge.

The next meet was the Pelican Invitational. Granger was the leading runner for the Cajuns finishing in seventh place. Gene Cavalier finished in seventeenth place. This was the meet where the team ended what could have been a perfect season, finishing eleventh in the Pelican Cup — by far the worst showing of the year.

Competing in the Sun Belt Conference for the first time gave the Cajuns a chance to prove themselves. Granger was the top finisher for the Cajuns, finishing in nineteenth place with a time of 27:05. Callais, normally a top contender, was unable to compete because of a leg injury. The Cajuns finished sixth in the conference.

Lawson said, "Realistically, we could have won the conference, but injuries and illness had a big effect on the outcome." 🏹



CAMMY ALBARADO

CAJUN CROSS
COUNTRY RUNNER
DARREL GRANGER
EYES THE LEADER
OF THE RACE.



CAMMY ALBARADO

CHAD CALLAIS PUSHED TOWARD THE FINISH LINE.

Keeping Spirit High Through Low Times



DANIEL LINCOLN

WATCHING THE ACTION ON THE FIELD IN RAPT ATTENTION, THE CHEERLEADERS HOPE FOR A WIN.

Dedication. It is the only thing that gets the USL varsity cheerleaders through their unbelievable schedule.

"You have to put in a lot of time and be very dedicated because there is not a lot of glory in some of the things we do," said captain Christy Sisley.

Preparation for the 1991 football season began early in the summer. Practicing stunts, cheers and routines tuned the cheerleaders up physically. To help meet the expenses of uniforms and travel, they held clinics for area high school squads, and a trip in August to a cheerleading camp in Murfreesboro, Tenn., gave them the opportunity to learn new routines.

The squad came back with five superior ratings and a trophy. Coach Doug Palombo, pleased with the performance, said that members had an unselfish attitude.

"These are great people, very professional," said Palombo. "They really work well together. [This year] the returning people really helped out with the new people. There isn't any competition between them. Everyone wants the squad to be good."



ART LAUCK

CHEERLEADER RYAN STILL'S FLINGS PARTNER CHERI SHARON HIGH INTO THE AIR AT THE CAJUNDOME.

THE CHEERLEADERS ROCK THE HOUSE DURING A TIME-OUT AT A BASKETBALL GAME.



ART LAUCK

Leslie Bourque was the only new girl on the squad. "I was really nervous at first because of my inexperience on a college squad. But everyone was really helpful and by the time we went to camp, everything was fine," Bourque said.

Second-year squad member Carla Culotta noticed the importance of helping out the new people. "Leslie and I have a lot in common because we both tried out in the summer after the squad was formed. I know how she felt. We have really gotten to be good friends now," Culotta said.

Sisley and Palombo are both very demanding of the group. "I expect them to give 110 percent. They have to always show spirit - no matter what is happening," Palombo said. "I want them to try their best. That's all that I can ask," Sisley said.

When the fall semester arrived, the cheerleaders were even busier. At least six hours a week were spent in practice.

In addition to games, the squad performs for a multitude of special events. "We work a lot with alumni and do a lot of public relations work for the university," said three-year member Brian

Broussard. These events include everything from pep rallies to special appearances and promotions for the university.

Broussard described performing as "a big adrenaline rush." "It's a great way to release stress and have fun doing it," he said.

Bourque, who was a cheerleader in high school, said she welcomed the opportunity to continue at USL. "I just love it," she said of her first year on the squad. "It keeps me involved with USL — I can do my part."

The ultimate goal of the squad is to get as much crowd participation as possible, according to Broussard. "We're there to lead them," he said. "It really helps when the crowd is cheering with us."

Varsity cheerleaders during 1991 were captain Sisley, co-captain Ryan Guillory, and members Gigi Blanchard, Bryant Carey, Kim Eschette, Lony Fabre, Andrea Guillory, Todd Miller, Chris Morgan, Cheri Sharon, Kevin Vidrine, Bourque, Culotta and Broussard. ❏



AN LSU SOCCER
PLAYER ATTEMPTS TO
SHOW THAT IT'S NOT
REALLY HOW YOU PLAY
THE GAME THAT
COUNTS.

JOHN DEVILLE

SOCCER • *By Karen Lew*

Reclaiming the Conference Title

As former Louisiana Collegiate Club Soccer Conference champions, the USL soccer team faced a promising season. They were favored to win the conference for a repeat title, and they did just that.

The soccer team began the season with a disappointing loss to Rice, 1-2. Despite losing their first contest, the Cajuns rebounded by defeating Sam Houston, 4-2.

The Cajuns returned to familiar surroundings, after playing two non-conference games on the road, to play their first home game of the season. The Cajuns never gave the Demons of Northwestern Louisiana a chance. Captain Alain Poiraud lead the scoring with four goals. The Demons scored only one goal in the contest. If a 9-1 victory in their first Louisiana Collegiate Club Soccer game of the year, was any indication of the rest of the season, it most certainly was going to be a good year.

Coming off an important victory, the team's momentum was great enough to overcome what was said to be their



DANIEL LINCOLN

A CAJUN SOCCER MAN WORKS THE BALL DOWN FIELD.



DANIEL LINCOLN

A USL TEAM MEMBER TRIES TO GET THE BALL PAST AN OPPONENT DURING A GAME AT A MOSTLY EMPTY MCNASPY STADIUM.

toughest conference game of the season when they hosted the LSU Tigers at McNaspy Stadium. The cats fell to USL, 2-0.

Trying to keep a three-game winning streak alive, the Cajuns hosted La. Tech. They were again victorious, winning 4-0.

Next up were the Golden Eagles of Southern Mississippi. In the soccer team's four-year history, they have never earned a victory over the Golden Eagles. History repeated itself and Southern Mississippi defeated the Cajuns, 2-1. This loss did not have an effect on the team's bid for becoming the conference champions since Southern Mississippi is not in the same conference as USL.

In two non-conference games, the Cajuns hosted Lamar and Nicholls State. The Cajuns narrowly defeated Lamar, 3-2, and Nicholls State 2-0.

The Cajuns played there next three conference games on the road against Northwestern La., La. Tech, and LSU. The Cajuns were victorious against NLU 6-2 and La. Tech 4-0. But LSU was out for revenge. After losing to the Cajuns earlier in the season, LSU was determined to win, and they did. They defeated the visiting team, 2-0.

In the last regular-season game, the Cajuns shutout McNeese State 8-0.

USL set out to repeat their show as conference cham-

pions. They accomplished their goal by compiling a conference record of 7-1 and an overall record of 13-3. For the second consecutive year, the Cajuns would represent LCCS in the national tournament in Austin, Texas.

But the Cajuns' dreams of becoming national champs were shattered in Austin. The team was forced to play without five starters who were unable to attend due to "academic obligations." In Austin, the Cajuns lost to Illinois, 0-7, Univ. Texas-El Paso, 0-4, and Colorado, 2-6. ■

SCORES •

	USL Opp.			
Rice	1	2		
Sam Houston	4	2		
Northwestern La.	9	1	Northwestern La.	6 2
L.S.U.	2	0	Louisiana Tech	4 0
Louisiana Tech	4	0	L.S.U.	0 2
Southern Miss.	1	2	McNeese State	8 0
McNeese State	3	1	Illinois	0 7
Lamar	3	2	UT, El Paso	0 4
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Make It A Double

*Cajun multi-sport athletes say playing two sports
is not double trouble*

• By Karen Lew •

BEING BOTH AN ATHLETE AND A COLLEGE STUDENT REQUIRES CONSIDERABLE DRIVE AND DEDICATION. JUGGLING A SPORT AND SCHOOL WORK TAKES A UNIQUE SKILL. YET THERE ARE SOME STUDENTS WHO BALANCE ACADEMICS AND TWO SPORTS.

Meet sophomore Rocky Guidry. He excels at both football and track.



Guidry said that, for him, athletics is nothing new. He played four sports in high school. Making the decision of what sport he would pursue in college was hard, but he signed a football scholarship with the Cajuns. And he earned a place on the track team.

Not many people have the opportunity — or ability — to accomplish what Guidry has in his short time as a collegiate competitor. In the past two years, he has won the American South Conference title in the javelin event. He also holds the record for the longest throw in the conference. His throw of 235 feet and 9 inches was good enough to qualify him for the U.S. Olympic Festival in the summer.

At the festival, Guidry was deemed one of the best eight javelin throwers in the country. He finished in an amazing sixth place overall. His sixth-place finish helped him qualify for the Olympic trials to be held in the summer of '92 in New Orleans.

Guidry is grateful for the opportunity USL afforded him. He said, "I am glad I am able to participate in both football and track at this level, and I thank God for giving me the ability."

The indoors is the only thing that Jennifer Autry's two sports have in common. Autry, a native of Mobile, Ala., majoring in General Studies, is a senior member of the Lady Cajuns Volleyball and Basketball teams.

Autry transferred to USL from South Alabama. In her first year, she set a Cajun Volleyball record for the most attempts (1,365) and digs (599) in a single season. After the season, she was selected as the Louisiana Newcomer of the Year and for the second team of both the Louisiana All-

ALABAMA NATIVE JENNIFER AUTRY PLAYS BOTH
VOLLEYBALL AND BASKETBALL FOR USL.



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State team and the American South Conference.

In 1992 Autry will have the opportunity to prove her ability in basketball. In 1991, she had to sit out the season because South Alabama would not release her in both volleyball and basketball.

Autry said that playing two sports is no great burden for her. She said, "I've been involved with sports for so long, it's become a part of my everyday schedule." She declined to pick her favorite sport because of her love of both.

CHANDA DAWSON IS ANOTHER CAJUN MULTI-SPORT ATHLETE. SHE PLAYS VOLLEYBALL AND RUNS TRACK. A MEMBER OF THE USL TRACK TEAM THAT CAPTURED THE ASC OUTDOOR CROWN IN THE SPRING, DAWSON EXCELLED IN THROWING THE DISCUS.

The common thread connecting these three is the nonchalant way they discuss their involvement with more than one collegiate athletic team. Being a star athlete at one college sport is something many only dream about, but for Guidry, Autry and Dawson, it's reality — times two. Twice the work, twice the time, twice the dedication.



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FOOTBALL AND TRACK STAR ROCKY GUIDRY SAID "I AM GLAD I AM ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN BOTH. . ."

VOLLEYBALL AND TRACK OCCUPY CHANDA DAWSON'S TIME AND ENERGY.

Yet they modestly blow off their feats.

According to Dawson, "I wouldn't know what to do with my free time if I wasn't involved with athletics." ■



CAJUN WATER SKI TEAM

CAJUN SKIER BRIAN JOHNSON CIRCLES A BUOY IN THE SLALOM CATEGORY AT A SKI TOURNAMENT.

WATER SKI • By Karen Lew

SLICING WAVES, RANKING SIXTH NATIONALLY

The 1991 Water Ski team enjoyed a very competitive and successful season. Throughout the campaign, both the men's and women's teams did exceptionally well for such a small program. Their schedule included three meets held in Texas and Oklahoma.

In each of their meets, the Cajuns boasted a second-place finish. With tough competition in the South Central Region, everyone skied well enough for the team to compete in the national competition in Milledgeville, Ga. At the national meet the Cajuns finished in a fantastic sixth place in the nation.

Team members included Mike Heath and Lynda Davidson who both excelled in jumping. Christie Sullivan, Kevin Marcelissen and Scot Jones were standouts in slalom. Jones holds a team record in that event. Kristy Nelson and Todd Anderson led the Cajun wake riders in the trick category.



CAJUN WATER SKI TEAM

MEMBERS OF THE 1990-91 WATER SKI TEAM INCLUDE FROM (LEFT TO RIGHT): SCOT JONES, CHAD CHILES, WRAIGHT WELIVER, SHELIA DELANEY, ERICA MCGOEY, MIKE HEATH, KRISTY NELSON, MIKE WATSON, MONICA CARRAWAY, RIC STALLINGS, KEVIN MARCELISSEN, JEFF SIPP, CARL MEYERS, TODD ANDERSON, COACH BOB MAY, CHRISTIE SULLIVAN, LYNDA DAVIDSON. BRIAN JOHNSON IS NOT PICTURED.



CAJUN WATER SKI TEAM

FLYING HIGHT ABOVE WATER, RICK STALLINGS "TRICK" SKIES.

Other team men included Wraight Weliver, Jeff Sipp, Brian Johnson, Mike Watson, Ric Stallings, Chad Chiles and Carl Myers. Monica Carraway, Erica McGoey and Sheila Delaney rounded out the roster for the women.

Following an excellent showing this year, returning team members and Head Coach Bob May look toward 1992, when they will host regional competition. These successes are stepping stones for a team that has been climbing toward national recognition in the last several years.

In 1988, shortly after the formation of the team, May talked with *L'Acadien*. At that time, he said of his team, "We want to show people that we have a commitment. We're not a fly-by-

night program. We're here; we're gonna be here, and we're interested in competing at a very high level."

Indeed, the team has begun to taste the success its coach predicted four years ago. USL is beginning to attract national quality (even international quality) skiers.

May attributed this to "a combination of hard work and what the university has to offer."

According to Marcelissen, a native of Canada and a former boys national slalom champ in that country, "Things have changed so much since I arrived." He added, "When I arrived just anyone could make the team, but now in order to be on the team, you must have a lot of talent."



RAGIN' JAZZ • By Jennifer Juneau

Kicking Up Their Heels



ART LAUCK

RAGIN' JAZZ DANCERS SHAKE THINGS UP A BIT AT HALFTIME AT A CAJUNS BASKETBALL GAME.

The Ragin' Jazz dance team is not an elite bunch of "prissy" girls.

On the contrary, the team is a group of hard working young women who entertain, dance and represent USL, according to Sherr LaBas, the group's sponsor. "When students are out of school [between fall and spring semesters] our girls are still working," said LaBas.

According to Molli Courville, the group's captain, most USL students enjoying Ragin' Jazz performances never realize how much time and effort members invest to make the performances successful. During 1991, the team practiced every Tuesday and Thursday from 3-5:30 p.m. and performed at every home football and basketball game and some away games.

Co-captain Jessica Ortego explained the team's selection process.

At the end of the spring semester a day-long tryout session is held to select members for the next semester's dance team. Judges, some affiliated with USL and some not, select those with the most potential.

This past spring, Ortego and Courville taught perspective members a dance in Ragin' Jazz style. The girls had one day to learn and practice the routine before performing for the judges.

Michelle "Bunnie" Calais described the stress she experienced during tryouts. "It was my 18th birthday, and I cried the whole day because I didn't think I could learn the dance," Calais said.

Most of the 1991 members have taken dance lessons all their lives. Five were members of their high school dance teams. "You're



ART LAUCK

WITH ARMS AND LEGS FADING INTO SPEED BLURS, THE WOMEN OF RAGIN' JAZZ PERFORM FOR A PLEASED CAJUNDOME CROWD.

WITH ARMS HIGH IN THE AIR AND SMILES BEAMING, RAGIN' JAZZ IS AN IMPRESSIVE PART OF FOOTBALL HALFTIME SHOW.



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not required to have experience in dance," Ortego said, "but it helps."

An additional set of tryouts is held in November. Like tryouts in the spring there are usually 40-50 young women at the session, all vying for a place on the team.

Approximately 13 girls are chosen for the team. The number varies depending on the number of members from the previous season who remain. Those who make the team in the fall can return in the spring.

Ironically, tryouts do not end when one becomes a member. Each girl must tryout for each performance. "Everyone tries out," said Courville. "If you don't try out, you don't dance."


Team sponsors and officers judge their fellow dancers, then the fellow dancers judge the officers. Members must also maintain a 2.0 average and attend every practice.

Ragin' Jazz gets new performance material at a Universal Dance Association camp that members attend each summer at Middleton University in Tennessee. The camp is funded by USL, and each member of the team must attend, LaBas said.

The team is split up and members form squads with girls from other schools. Each new squad learns a different dance. "It's a grueling week, but also a blast," said Courville who, along with Ortego, has worked as a camp instructor. When the girls come home, they each have new material to share with the rest of the team. They then teach each other what they learned. The new material is choreographed into a routine and performed at later events.

Two years ago, the dance team began performing with the USL Marching Band at football games. Most members said they prefer the live music because they had so much trouble with sound systems when they used their own taped music.

According to LaBas, being linked with the band gives Ragin' Jazz a more "impressive" appearance out on the football field. "Thirteen girls on a football field get lost," she said.

The Ragin' Jazz dance team does not practice and sweat for scholarships or recognition — members do not receive any monetary compensation for dancing. They say they dance because they love it. 

INTRAMURALS • *By Stella C. Theriot*

Competing and Keeping Fit



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IN BLURS OF AGILITY, A ROOM FULL OF FITNESS SEEKERS PRACTICE BENCH AEROBICS.

The Greek translation is intra, meaning within, and mural, meaning walls. Thus, the word intramurals has come to mean activities within the university's walls or boundaries.

Wayne Harper, intramurals director, said, "I look at it as three components." He said the first component is intramurals, individual or team. He said the second was club sports such as rugby or soccer, the third open recreation.

Harper went on to say that a lot of people think of intramurals as only the team competitive sports. However, a large percentage of students participate in open recreation as part of the intramurals program.

Harper came to USL in 1986, the year before Bourgeois Hall was completed. He said he wanted to be in on the ground level of the new facilities that would house not only physical education classes but intramurals also.

According to Harper the facilities have made a tremendous difference as far as students' participation. Harper estimated that 65 to 70 percent of USL students utilize the facilities.

"After 3 p.m., it's a health club for 16,000 students," Harper said.

intramurals



MAKING THE BEST OF A FEW FREE HOURS, A STUDENT NARROWLY MISSES A DUNK IN BOURGEOIS HALL.

THIS RAQUETBALL PLAYER PREPS TO ROCKET A FOREHAND.



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He continued, "It's more like a health club atmosphere." Harper said that Bourgeois Hall is one of the few places on campus, in town, or in the state where you can go and feel at ease. He speculated that the building is one of the most used buildings on campus.

He quickly pointed out that Bourgeois Hall is not the only building, however, where intramurals take place.

Harper said that the Conference Center houses the swimming pool. There is a weight room in Olivier Hall, and two flag football fields and two basketball courts are across from Bourgeois Hall. On the grounds of Bourgeois are 12 tennis courts and several putting greens.

Inside, students can choose from a variety of sports. Aerobics are offered. Stairmasters, bodymasters, volleyball and basketball are all accessible to students.

Jason Leger, a Business Administration senior,

worked in the weight room at Olivier Hall in the Fall 1991 semester. He said he participated in intramurals since fall 1987 and worked in intramurals since fall 1989.

Leger said that the primary benefit of participating was that "it is relaxing-to relieve stress."

He went on to say that he made a lot of friends through participating in intramurals.

Leger stressed that one doesn't have to be part of a team to participate in intramurals. "There are single sports," he said.

Harper said that it is easy to get involved in intramurals. He said that each semester announcements for a managers' meeting are posted around campus.

"We feel like we offer something for everybody," Harper said. ■



ACADEMICS

Death. Deans. Monkeys. These words might not seem to have any

relationship as they stand out of context, side by side.

(Or maybe they do.) But they are all part of the complex machinery

that grinds out higher education at USL.

MARTIN HALL IS THE CENTER OF ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITY ON CAMPUS. MANY ACADEMIC DEANS, THE UNIVERSITY VICE PRESIDENTS AND PRESIDENT AUTHEMENT KEEP OFFICES WITHIN.



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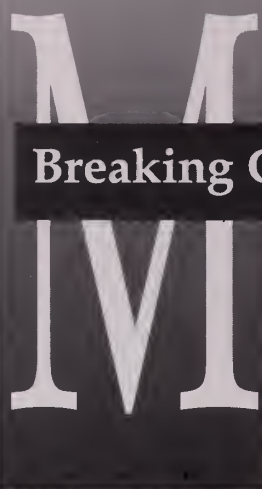


ANGELLE PELTIER

MONKEYS LIKE THIS ONE ARE A PART OF THE ACADEMIC FABRIC AT USL. A UNIVERSITY RESEARCH CENTER IN NEW IBERIA FOCUSES ON THEM IN THEIR EXPERIMENTS.

DEATH AND DYING ARE THE SUBJECTS OF A COURSE OFFERED BY THE SOCIOLOGY DEPARTMENT THAT IS QUITE POPULAR WITH STUDENTS. THE COURSE INCLUDES A FIELD TRIP TO A MORGUE.

CAMPUS CONSTRUCTION CREATES OBSTACLES FOR STUDENTS



Breaking Ground

any of the broken sidewalks that appeared on campus early in the year, especially around Griffin Hall, were due to a new air conditioning system called the "chill-water loop."

"This is a system where all of the air conditioning units are tied together for energy-saving reasons and dependency," said Mike Bridges, director of the physical plant.

He said that if an air conditioning unit in one building breaks down, the loop will allow an air conditioning unit in another building to cool it. The project is scheduled for completion in the fall of 1992 and will cost the state of Louisiana \$2.5 million.

Another project which made a temporary mess in the heart of the campus grounds was the weather-proofing of Fletcher Hall. The project also included reconditioning the wood and handrails around center court, and recaulking and sealing the plaza decks.

"The actual work should not have taken over two weeks," Bridges explained, "but due to the (rainy) weather it took four weeks."

The chill-water loop and waterproofing of Fletcher Hall have been on a deferred maintenance list for more than five years, Bridges said. That list consists of projects that the university wants done but lacks the funds to complete.

Bridges explained that such upkeep of the university is dependent upon state funds. "Our work depends on the state legislature," he said. "If they decide to cut higher education, we receive a part of the cut."

According to Bridges, during the 1990-91 fiscal year, the physical plant had \$700,000 to spend on deferred maintenance. Other projects included the re-roofing of Griffin Hall, Fletcher Hall and the president's residence; the waterproofing of Fletcher Hall and Giroud Hall, and the construction of an energy management system that will reduce the university's utilities costs.

By Jennifer Juneau

CAN YOU DIG IT? WORKERS SHOVEL AWAY LAYERS OF EARTH TO GET TO THE PIPES THAT ARE USED IN THE UNIVERSITY'S COMPLEX UNDERGROUND AIR CONDITIONING SYSTEM.



LEE TAI

A WORKMAN TUNNELS DEEP INTO THE GROUND NEAR GRIFFIN HALL AS A MECHANIZED DIGGING MACHINE SITS AT A STOP.



LEE TAI

explaining the process of how particular companies come to do projects on campus, Bridges said that, because of the state bid law, construction work is given to the lowest "responsible" bidder, someone who has done the type of work before and who has the proper men and equipment. He said that plans and speculations for the construction work are done by an architect, engineer or maintenance personnel.

The plans are offered up for bids by the purchasing department. Ads are in the newspaper and notices are set out to contractors. The bids are then opened at a public meeting, and the contract is given to the lowest bidder.

Bernhard Mechanical Contractors of Lafayette, got the contract for the air conditioning work. The waterproofing of Fletcher Hall was done by Dapco of New Orleans. ❧



LEE TAI

STUDENTS WALKING TO CLASS IN GRIFFIN FROM NEAR THE LIBRARY ENCOUNTERED THIS OOGY MESS BEHIND MCNASPY STADIUM.

UNIVERSITY SECRETARIES KEEP USL RUNNING SMOOTHLY

Campus Crews



An old cartoon depicts a principal speaking to a teacher in front of the secretary's empty desk. "What do you mean she's out sick today?," he asks. "We'll have to close school!"

Maybe they aren't quite that vital, but secretaries do play an important role in keeping the university functioning properly.

Secretaries do a lot more than just basic clerical work these days. Take Connie Thibodeaux, for instance, the secretary to the director of Admissions. Her job entails much more than clerical duties. She is the liaison with foreign embassies in preparing international students for acceptance into the university.

This is her "lifeline in Admissions," she said. This is also one part of her job that she really enjoys because, although the duties may always seem to be the same, the situations are not. This leaves little room for boredom.

Thibodeaux feels her job is quite important in that the Admissions Office gives the first impression of USL to potential students and to their parents. And she made it clear that without the students, she has no job.

According to Thibodeaux, her job can be brain-wrecking and tiring, especially during registration. She said a positive attitude is an asset in her position.

Karen W. Bernard, one of Dean Jan Dugger's secretaries in the College of Business Administration, has worked in that office for 23 years. She feels her constant presence provides stability and continuity to the functioning of that office.

Bernard believes that secretaries like herself, within academic dean's offices, should know all aspects of the colleges they work for. The familiarity with procedure, she said, helps eliminate the "run around" some people may experience.


As an academic dean's secretary, Bernard deals with a large number of students and feels that a good rapport is necessary in her position. She, who (by the way) is a former *L'Acadien* editor, enjoys her job. She said, "It keeps me young, and it's nice to be home."

By Stella C. Theriot



TRACY WASCOM

LOOKING UP FROM HER DESK, KAREN BERNARD, SECRETARY IN THE OFFICE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION, ANSWERS ONE OF THE MANY QUESTIONS SHE WILL ANSWER THIS DAY.

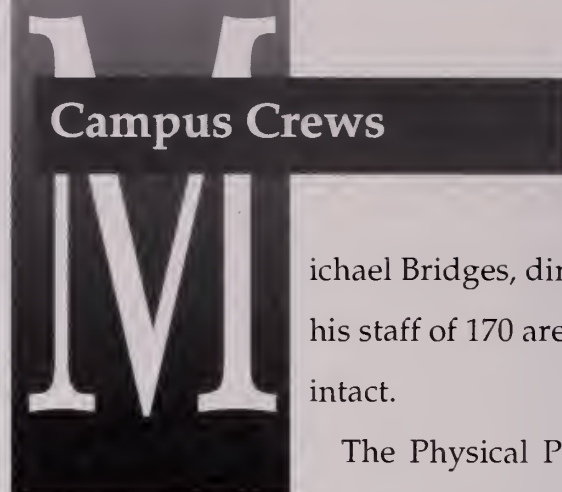
Secretaries at USL provide a variety of services. Their job descriptions fall short of fully explaining all they do. They screen persons that need to speak with their supervisors, give out information, help students and handle graduation checks. They do a little public relation and, of course, they do clerical work. 



TRACY WASCOM

ON A BUSY DAY IN THE OFFICE OF ADMISSIONS, SECRETARY CONNIE THIBODEAUX HAS HER EYES AND HER EARS STEADFASTLY ON HER WORK.

MAINTENANCE WORKS HARD FOR ITS CAMPUS 'CUSTOMERS'



Michael Bridges, director of the USL's Physical Plant, and his staff of 170 are the cement that keeps this university intact.

The Physical Plant oversees the maintenance of

buildings on campus, from the oldest building, Foster Hall, which was built in 1901, to the newest, Rougeou Hall, which was built in 1988.

"We concentrate on routine maintenance, what needs to be done to keep the buildings useful for higher education," Bridges explained. The Physical Plant work force consists of crews of carpenters, electricians, groundskeepers, welders and refrigeration specialists. There are different crews that oversee special events, operate the central reception department, keep the motor pool running, keep the locks turning in the key shop, and the fires blazing under the boiler.

There is also a custodial staff of about 77 people, who are responsible for the upkeep of three campus divisions: the main campus, the athletic campus, and the horse farm on Johnston Street — a total of 90 buildings.

However, while the university continues to grow, the growth of the Physical Plant has been stunted.

According to Bridges, there is not enough money to hire new people, so the work must be stretched out.

"A lot of people think we just sit back and wait to be called," he said. "It's not like that."

The truth is, he explained, there is a continual flood of work orders.

Each day the plant receives 50-100 orders from the university's staff and faculty. Jobs range from the simple, such as making a key, to the complex, such as relocating a wall. Each employee is assigned to a particular "shop," each of which is responsible for the various jobs that must be performed to keep the university operating smoothly.

The motor pool, for instance, is responsible for the maintenance of some university owned vehicles. It is also responsible for busses or athletic vehicles.

Duties of the special events crew include moving furniture and setting up stages for events.

Malcolm Thibeaux and Harvey Prejean, maintenance workers who are responsible for the upkeep of Billeud Hall, both said that they enjoy their work and feel that it is important to the university. Prejean and Thibeaux contribute

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upkeep of the university by mopping, waxing, and doing basic cleaning. The worst clean-up record of them, they said, is spilled Coke.


"Everybody wants a pleasant atmosphere," explained Prejean, "without us, it wouldn't be that

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Bibeaux added that students appreciate a clean building and without their work, the building would run down.

Bridges, who oversees the maintenance crew as well as all the other divisions of the physical plant, indicated that his main concern is ongoing maintenance.

"We try not to work on projects that may take away from the regular maintenance of the campus," he said. Major work, like the new air conditioning system and the windows in the halls of Griffin Hall, is done by outside contractors.

Bridges and his staff take great pride in their work. Not just a "maintenance crew," he said that they consider themselves a service organization and each worker makes an effort to do the best job he can.

"We consider the faculty and staff our customers," Bridges said, because work orders received from them. They are open to their suggestions and criticisms." 



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AN ARTIST AT WORK. MAINTENANCE PAINTER RONALD OZENE PUTS A NEW COAT OF PAINT ON THE STRUCTURE OUTSIDE OLIVIER HALL.



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MAINTENANCE EMPLOYEES STEVE COMEAUX AND HAROLD MALVFAUX BLOW OFF A LITTLE STEAM. ACTUALLY, THEY ARE HARD AT WORK CLEANING THE EXTERIOR OF GIRARD HALL WITH HIGH-PRESSURE HOSES.



DANIEL LINCOLN

IN A SPRAWLING FLOWER BED UNDER A MAJESTIC OAK NEAR MARTIN HALL, MARK BROUSSARD GROOMS THE FOILAGE.

CAFETERIA WORKERS ENJOY THEIR OFTEN THANKLESS JOBS

Campus Crews



erving over 3,000 people a day, the 48 employees of U Food Services work hard to keep the stomachs of hun students, faculty and staff satisfied.

Perhaps one of the most familiar faces on the uni sity food scene is that of Elina Trahan who oper Elina's Snack Hut, located next to Griffin Hall. Tra who has been working at USL since 1967, said tha

one thing that she loves most about her job is the students.

Trahan sympathizes with students who may be living away from home for the first time. "It's not easy to liv campus," she said. She explained that most of the students she comes in contact with do not live at home, so the most of their meals either in the university cafeteria or at the snack hut.

"I like to meet new people each year and learn something from them," she said. She commented that once a stu even taught her a few words in Spanish.

Trahan added that she loves working with students because it "keeps your blood pumping."

Maudroy Provost said that she has been working for Food Services for 34 years and considers her job important said she enjoys catering and dealing with people.

John Donaldson, director of Food Service, is new to the position. He has only been at USL since 1990, but has alr developed a friendly, comfortable rapport with his staff. During the past year, he has increased the amount of n that students eat in the university's cafeteria from 60 to 80 percent.

Donaldson said he is working to create a menu that offers a greater variety of food items.

"Rather than being accused of being blasé," he said, "we try new things and get feedback."

This spring the cafeteria hosted "Mexican Night," in which students were invited to create their own Me combinations. According to Donaldson, the change in style of service for the event helped to create a more intere atmosphere, and more students than usual ate in the cafeteria on that particular day.


Asked why so many students complain about the cafeteria food, Donaldson suggested that it may be o

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entiment for having to eat in the
eteria. He said that it's mandatory
students living in the dorms pur-
se a meal ticket.

ulia Brown, who has been prepar-
salads in the university's cafeteria
25 years said she rarely gets com-
nts about the food she prepares.
also said that some people are
ed to eating a home-cooked meal,
a cafeteria food is not up to that
adard.

Donaldson does not seem too con-
ed about the complaints. Rather
a worrying, he spends his time
king — constantly trying to im-
ve the variety and atmosphere of
USL cafeterias.

USL is a unique campus,"
Donaldson said. "It is very regional.
t won't find rice, gumbo, and
vfish in other places." He added
the menus are tailored for the
que culture of Southwestern
isiana. 



TRENT MYERS

CAFETERIA WORKER MILDRED SMITH PREPARES A TRAY OF GRILLED CHEESE SANDWICHES FOR A HUNGRY LUNCH CROWD IN THE UNION.



TRENT MYERS

AS THE POT THICKENS, ALFRED GOTCH ADDS THE LAST SPICES TO ENOUGH GUMBO TO FEED AN ARMY. OR AT LEAST A UNIVERSITY.



TRENT MYERS

SHAKIN' AND BAKIN'. GERALDINE ALLEN AND RUBIN SAVOY MIX SEAFOOD CAKES.

UNIVERSITY RESEARCHERS ARE MONKEYING AROUND

Monkey Business



Dr. William Greer, director of USL's New Iberia Research Center (a center, known as NIRC, which focuses on research involving primates), has an office lined with stuffed chimps, orangutans and other monkeys. Stuffed ceramic pictures.

One brass figurine is a humorous version of the no-evil, hear-no-evil, speak-no-evil trio. The first monkey is peering through binoculars. The second monkey is cupping his ears forward with his hands, and the third

one is flaring his mouth like a megaphone.

The figurine seems to be indicative of how USL's NIRC non-human primates help us to see the world closer, live better and speak more clearly of what we have learned. In short, USL can be proud of its monkeying around, because it pays off.

NIRC has steadily increased its revenue base since its 1984 acquisition. The revenue base has grown from an approximate \$800,000 to a 1991-92 amount in excess of \$4.3 million.

NIRC has grown from a staff of about 18 in 1984 to 94 presently on payroll. The non-human primate population has grown from about 1,500 to over 3,200 at present.

"Size is not indicative (of success) — utilization is," said Dr. William Greer, NIRC director. He is proud that 98 percent of NIRC's non-human primates are presently contracted out for the 1991-92 fiscal year. Greer pointed out that five other facilities do the type of work NIRC does with only about 60 percent utilization.

Ninety percent or greater has been maintained since NIRC became part of USL. Greer attributes the utilization success to the center's relying more on commercial contracts rather than federal.

"Commercial contracts are more dependable and allow us to plan further ahead, where federal dollar employment changes from year to year," he said.

NIRC, as Greer put it, is "a biomedical contract research facility. This means that NIRC has the facilities, technical staff and contacts in the field necessary to put together and service biomedical projects for sponsors."

Plainly, the center makes available what is needed to round out research.

The center began with two buildings for primates. Eleven buildings currently house them, with demolition and renovation in progress for even more housing space.

"Our most important job is to breed," according to John Hardcastle, Manager of Colony Operations. NIRC currently

By Stella C. Theriot

leases adjacent acreage owned by the National Institute of Health to house chimpanzees. The extra space has allowed NIRC to give the primates the housing needed. Greer commented that the center could only accommodate about a hundred more primates.

NIRC, as the title implies, will be a center of several centers. Originally, the facility was to house the crustacean center, an instrumentation center and the primate center.


USL has begun work on the Wetlands Center across from the Cajundome and Cajun Field so naturally the crustacean center will be there. The instrumentation center has been modified as a radiation lab on campus. What seems to be on the horizon for the NIRC is a life science center — in about two years or so.

Along with the life science center, a sound-proof suite is in the design stage for use in diagnostic hearing techniques for newborns and infants. The room complex would be valuable in evaluating techniques for pre-speech and hearing impaired research.

Greer added that NIRC utilizes USL staff as team members on projects. USL benefits in two ways. First, participating faculty members develop an interest in research and help defray costs. Second, USL can use research at the center as a recruitment tool. USL has

access to special trained talent, without the burden of having them on regular payroll.

In the long run, USL can develop biological competence in vertebrate biology in its own arena. The university has not had that opportunity in the past. "Since USL has no medical school, it would have no opportunity to do so without getting into medical facilities," Greer pointed out.

USL interfaces programs with LSU's Veterinary School. LSU veterinary students come about once a month to administer quarterly physicals to the primate colony at NIRC. 

UNIVERSITY RESEARCHERS GATHER AROUND ONE OF THE RESIDENTS AT THE NEW IBERIA RESEARCH CENTER, A MONKEY WHO IS UNDERGOING A ROUTINE PHYSICAL.



ANGELLE PELTIER



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LIKE TINY CHILDREN IN A PLAY PEN, THESE MONKEYS CLIMB AND PLAY IN THE RESEARCH CENTER.

AFTER 30 YEARS, 'THE LOUISIANA ROOM' FLOURISHES



Louisiana Library

The Louisiana Room provides the USL community with an extensive collection of historical Louisiana information.

The Jefferson Caffery Louisiana Room, the search center's full name, has been located in the USL Library since the building was erected in 1961. Formerly

located on the first floor, the room is now positioned on the third floor.

The Louisiana Room contains approximately 35,000 volumes of reference pertinent to Louisiana. Microfilm, books, periodicals, maps, newspapers, vertical files, theses, pamphlets and government documents are among the items on its shelves.

The room is arranged with several tables for students to gather their information. The walls are filled with maps of Louisiana and portraits of many influential players in southwestern Louisiana's history. Edith Garland Dupre, a member of the first USL faculty; Edwin Lewis Stephens, USL President from 1900-1938; and Mr. and Mrs. Caffery are among those pictured.

Many materials in the room are partially closed to public browsing. These materials include fragile and rare items. Most of the books which are more heavily used are located in the main library stacks so they can be available to more students. Reference and genealogy collections, located on the first range of stacks, are available to the public. According to Jean Kiesel, the Louisiana Room librarian, 12,000 items are checked out annually and the number of items in the Louisiana Room are continually rising. Kiesel said that many students use the Louisiana Room for assistance in history, English, and foreign languages.

Janine Thibodeaux, a senior majoring in English, used the room for a project on the subject of Louisiana French Literature. She said, "I found information on the conditions of Louisiana when [the state's founders] arrived and how they dealt with these conditions."

Interested persons can use the room's records to trace their genealogies. While the collection mainly focuses on the Acadiana parishes of Louisiana, materials in the room also range from other parts of the state to French Canada. Kiesel noted that native cajuns have an easier time tracing their family tree because they usually lived closer to the

By Todd Kleinpeter

er from one generation to the next.

Jefferson`Caffery, the man for whom the center is named, was a member of the first class of USL, then Northwestern Louisiana Industrial Institute, in 1901. During the next decade he was working for the State Department, where he eventually became an ambassador.

When he and his wife donated funding for the Louisiana room project, he was honored with the room's naming. Caffery was also awarded an honorary degree from USL in 1971, and in 1977 the city of Lafayette named "Ambassador Caffery Parkway" in his honor.

Since the room was named and put to use, many changes have been made. Kiesel, who has been at USL for six years, commented on two major changes she has seen in the Louisiana Room.

"It used to be real hard to find magazine articles about Louisiana topics because there were real general kinds of articles in *Time* or *Newsweek*. We've now got an index that we produced here in the library that includes magazines such as *Acadiana Profile* and *New Orleans Magazine*," Kiesel said.

The librarian also said that the card catalog once contained materials only located in the Louisiana Room. With the new computer system in the library, materials can be located throughout the library.

THE JEFFERSON CAFFERY LOUISIANA ROOM IS AN EXTENSIVE COLLECTION OF MICROFILMS, BOOKS, PERIODICALS, MAPS, NEWSPAPERS, VERTICAL FILES, THESES, PAMPHLETS AND GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS CONCERNING THE STATE AND ITS HISTORY.



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STUDENTS KELLY SONNIER AND LISA BOUDREAUX RESEARCH A PAPER IN THE QUIET CONFINES OF ONE OF THE WORLD'S MOST EXTENSIVE ARCHIVES OF SOUTH LOUISIANA HISTORY.

A CLASS SHOWS STUDENTS HOW TO DEAL WITH DEATH AND DYING

Class Acts



Death and Dying are subjects that man has explored since the beginning of time. In 1981 the subjects became the source of a seminar conducted by Sociology professor Dr. Sarah Brabant.

Originally intended as a one-time thing, it is now a regular sociology course and among the most requested classes by students of all majors. Taught by professors Brabant and Dr. C. Eddie Palmer, Sociology 480 covers

many areas of death.

According to Brabant, "We cover death through many avenues. We view it philosophically, historically, theologically, and through literature."

Guest speakers are an integral part of the class. Doctors, nurses, neonatal workers, the coroner, and even an accident victim have been among those asked to relate their experiences and fears about death to the class.

"We discuss the roles people play during the death process, as well as the ritualistic aspects," said Palmer.

Field trips help students to get a better feeling about the mysteries of death. Sociology 480 students visit a funeral home, a cemetery and the coroner's office.

According to Jeanne Duplichin, a student who has taken the class, "We went to the coroner's office and saw the funeral home and the autopsy tools. A pathologist was performing an autopsy but, we didn't get to see it."

The interest surrounding death and dying classes began in the 1960's when Dr. Elizabeth Cooper Ross of the University of Chicago developed the first class. "Death has always been such a taboo subject," said Brabant, "but the interest in it has risen so much that we now have a waiting list to get into the classes."

Most of the classes follow a discussion format rather than a lecture format. This way students can share their experiences.

"I spend many hours counseling outside of the classroom as a result of these shared experiences," Brabant said.


By Stacy Landreth

STUDENTS IN DR. C. EDDIE PALMER'S DEATH AND DYING CLASS GOT UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL WITH THE SUBJECT MATTER WHEN THEY TOOK A FIELD TRIP TO A LOCAL CEMETERY.



DANIEL LINCOLN

warn students before they begin the semester about what they're in for. I think about one half of the students take the class because of something that has happened to them, and the other half take it as a dare.

"I continue to learn, each time that I teach this class," Brabant said. "I only hope that I will never have to deal with some of the things that these students have had to deal with. It is by far the most difficult, exciting, frustrating, fulfilling class that I've ever taught." 



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FOR DR. C. EDDIE PALMER, DEATH IS AN ACADEMIC SUBJECT THAT HAS LIFE IN THE SOCIOLOGY DEPARTMENT.

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A COURSE ON SOCIETAL DEVIANTS IS POPULAR AMONG STUDENTS

Class Acts

ur society "generates" child abusers, prostitutes, homosexuals, and pornographers, according to Sociology Professor Craig Forsyth.

Forsyth teaches Social Deviance and Juvenile Delinquency, two courses sparking wide spread interest from

USL students in every major.

"Our society generates these because we have clubs out there whose purpose is the enjoyment of these deviant institutions. We have generated a society of child abusers because we allowed people to abuse children for so long," he said.

"Many child abusers were once abused children themselves. When you have that, you move from a psychological explanation to a sociological one," he explained.

Social Deviance is a class about lifestyles. Anything can be called deviant if it strays from society's norms. For instance, burping aloud is deviant in our society, but a common courtesy in Japan, where it is considered deviant. Nonetheless, the majority of Forsyth's class is devoted to sexual deviance where he discusses other deviant phenomena such as mate swapping and voyeurism, vices made popular in the 70s.

Concerning voyeurism, Forsyth said, "Years ago on the west coast and other places where there were high rise apartment buildings, people very casually began to use telescopes. That became a phenomena and people began making agreements to spy on each other having sex. Clubs formed and advertised through the personal ads in newspapers. Now large numbers of telescopes are sold in the inner-cities like Los Angeles, where stars are difficult to view because of smog and light."

Another sociology course with a campuswide following is Criminology, taught by Daniel Lennon.

"Trying to understand the difference between crime and sin for most Americans is real painful," Lennon said. He cited a statement by comedian George Carlin as reference to his point. "Some people believe that if you think you did it or you want to do it, save your cab fare, buddy, you did it," according to the comedian.

"That is not a criminological construct. It is a sinful or religious construct, and trying to get the students to understand

By Michael Cuccia

the difference is my job," Lennon said.

Criminology is, in a sense, related to Social Deviance and Juvenile Delinquency, according to Forsyth. Juvenile Delinquency is specifically about how crime relates to juveniles, with a sociological view, to keep it separated from Criminal Justice, he added.

Forsyth contended that most juvenile delinquents have never committed a crime, but are charged as if they were unjustly.

"You have to understand that statistics can be misleading. You have to perceive which crimes are actually status offenses and which are crimes," he said.

"A person arrested for drinking at 20 years old has committed a crime, but, to me, it doesn't make any sense. That person is not a criminal," he explained.

Forsyth indicated that staying in school is the best way for juveniles to stay away from crime and delinquency. He said academics, athletics and social interaction are the three ways students become successful in school. If they are not successful in any of the three, there is a high probability the student will drop out.

"If a juvenile quits school, the chances of becoming a delinquent is extremely high, thus the probability of becoming a criminal years later increase," he said.

"The school system, for most of us, is the only way to be successful."

SOCIAL DEVIANCE ENCOMPASSES A WIDE RANGE OF OUT-OF-THE-ORDINARY BEHAVIOR. THIS SIMULATED MUGGING ILLUSTRATES ONE SUCH DEPARTURE FROM THE BEHAVIORAL NORM.



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SOCIETY GENERATES ITS OWN DEVIANTS, ACCORDING TO USL SOCIOLOGY PROFESSORS. A COURSE THAT DEALS WITH THAT ISSUE, ILLUSTRATED ABOVE BY A STAGED ROBBERY AT OLD TYME GROCERY, IS POPULAR AMONG STUDENTS.

STUDENTS RUN A REAL RESTURANT IN A CLASS WITH THOUGHT FOR FOOD

Class Acts

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tudents majoring in Restaurant Administration or Dietetics had the opportunity to gain hands-on experience while receiving four credits when they take the Quarter Food Preparation class at Hamilton Hall.

On Tuesdays and Thursdays between 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m., Hamilton Hall was the site for gourmet luncheon prepared and served by seniors in Restaurant Administration and Dietetics. Students rotate job duties from

manager to dishwasher as they get a feel for what it is really like to run a restaurant.

"All students will someday become a manager," said Linda Vincent, director of the School of Human Resources at USL, formerly the Home Economics Department. She added that the students who plan to get involved in the upper levels of the restaurant business need to understand the most basic duties required in running a restaurant. Students need practical experience in purchasing, inventory, employee scheduling and serving tables.

Vincent explained that the restaurant offers a full meal of fine dining including appetizers, entrees, and desserts all served on linens and china. Entrees served at the restaurant include muffalatos, hamburgers, grilled fish and a number of international dishes.

Since there is such a high demand for tickets, the department has resorted to selling season tickets only, which means that diners pay for a ticket that allows them to eat on either Tuesdays or Thursdays for half a semester. Tickets are available to students, faculty, guests of the food service department and to the general public. Tickets are \$4.50 per person but can only be purchased after an individual has spent time on a waiting list because the restaurant can only serve a limited number of customers at a time.

Jennifer Brasseaux, a restaurant administration major who has taken the class, explained that during the course of the semester each student is responsible for planning one meal. That person assumes the role of general manager and must convert small recipes into large recipes, feeding upwards of 60 people. In addition, they must choose a theme, decorate and plan the meal on a budget of \$150.

The restaurant has normally only been operated two days a week, but Vincent said that she hoped to increase it to four days a week. When the restaurant expands to four days, Vincent said she hoped to limit the menu to soups and

By Jennifer Juneau

STUDENTS IN A SENIOR LEVEL RESTAURANT ADMINISTRATION CLASS LEARN THE BASICS OF RUNNING A RESTAURANT FROM BOOKS AND EXPERIENCE EARLY IN THE SEMESTER BEFORE THEY OPEN FOR BUSINESS.



JOHN WEIMER



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STUDENT GETS A TASTE OF VALUABLE EXPERIENCE WHILE A CUSTOMER GETS A TASTE OF GOOD FOOD IN THE STUDENT-RUN HAMILTON RESTAURANT.

salad a few of those days.

"Someday we hope to have the advanced students supervise the introductory students," she said.

At each meal a local chef is invited to critique and evaluate the service and the preparation of food. In addition, five other random diners are asked to evaluate the meal and the service.


Brasseaux explained that after each meal, students also evaluate one another's performances.

"Critiques give us an idea of what we're doing right or wrong," she said.

Vincent commented that the restaurant class also offers experience in catering and preparation of special events.

"We do two to three special events a semester," she explained. The class has catered a meal at President Authement's house and has hosted a number of special events in Hamilton. One such special event included joining forces with the Fashion Merchandising Department and hosting a combination fashion show and lunch.

Quantity Food Preparation isn't for everyone though. It's only offered to seniors in Restaurant Administration and Dietetics. It provides the final step before work in a real restaurant.

"You definitely learn enough from this class to go out and do an internship," Brasseaux said. 

A NEW OFFICE RECRUITS STUDENTS AND AIMS TO KEEP THEM

Enrollment Management

Former Dean of Student Personnel James Clarke took on a new position this March as director of the Office of Enrollment Management and Title III Project.

This department is not only new to Clarke; it's new to USL.

The purpose of the department is to recruit, both locally and nationwide, a higher caliber of students — and once they're here, to keep them here. This goal can be reached by making the transition between high school and college as smooth and easy as possible.

The new department increases efficiency by combining the seven departments that once handled new students: High School Relations, Scholarship, University College, Admissions, Student Financial Aid, Junior Division, and Freshmen Orientation are now joined under Clarke's authority.

According to Clarke, the Office of Enrollment Management will "serve as an umbrella for these seven departments to increase productivity and serve the needs of the students."

The idea for the new department originated about three years ago when Joe Savoie, director of Institutional Advancement, visited institutions around the country and determined that USL was too fragmented.

Last spring, Gary Marotta, vice president of Academics Affairs, and Margaret Hargroder, director of Junior Division, requested a federal grant for Title III funds. The grant, if approved, would provide money to aid in the development of programs aimed at recruiting and retaining new students.

It was approved. The grant went into effect on October 1, 1990 with the understanding that it will continue for two years, assuming its guidelines are met.

In addition to the establishment of the project director position, a systems analyst, was put to work for the first two years of the project. And four admissions counselors were employed to recruit "heavily" throughout local

By Stacy Landreth

tionwide high schools, according to
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The funds also provide for an
ult learning center, an adviser for
dents with undeclared majors, and
er student service improvements.

Clarke said that previously each
partment had its own structure, and
ough intercommunication was
ecessary, it was sometimes lacking.
says he will rectify that problem.

As Project Title III Director, Clarke
has the responsibility of making
e that requirements are met so that
funds will keep coming.

The physical restructuring has
en a little longer than expected; the
en offices that were previously in-
e endent must be relocated in order
etter serve the needs of students,
administration and the commu-



TRACY WASCOM

SERVICE WITH A SMILE. FORMER DEAN OF STUDENT PERSONNEL JIMMY CLARKE WAS PROMOTED TO THE NEW POST, DEAN OF ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT.



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A MEETING OF THE MINDS. DEPARTMENT HEAD JIMMY CLARKE MEETS WITH JOE SAVOIE, DIRECTOR OF INSTITUTIONAL ADVANCEMENT, TO DISCUSS IMPORTANT MATTERS CONCERNING ENROLLMENT.

MOSQUITOS DON'T BUG ONE USL PROFESSOR

Buggy Ride



es maringouins! Those mosquitoes! They seem to bother everyone. Well, almost everyone — except Matt Dakin, Iberia parish monitor and USL Biology professor.

Since 1986, Dakin has been monitor of Iberia Parish mosquito control contract.

Iberia parish officials asked USL for help in monitoring the actions of their mosquito control contract.

idea was to find impartial expertise at a reasonable price.

Dakin was offered the position because he holds a Ph.D. in Entomology and because he has expertise in mosquito control. He worked full time several summers in various capacities for Jefferson Davis Parish. He currently serves as vice president of the board of directors of the Louisiana Mosquito Control Association which is “a non-profit scientific organization designed to promote (safe and sane) mosquito control in Louisiana,” as Dakin put it.

As monitor, Dakin has several duties. His duties include submitting a monthly report to an advisory board, taking samples of chemicals used. He also follows the spraying trucks at night to insure they are going the proper way and are in the right area.

Despite the heavy rainfall this year, Dakin said the mosquito population was fairly normal. His figures are based on light trap and landing rates.

A light trap is a machine equipped with light sensors that turn on and off and a fan that blows the mosquitoes attracted by the light into a jar. These are counted to give some idea of the adult mosquito population.

Landing rates are obtained very simply. A worker goes out to an area that harbors mosquitoes, stands for 10 minutes and counts how many mosquitoes land on him.

The light trap and landing areas are scattered all over Iberia Parish and remain in the same place.

Dakin added that mosquito control is very difficult to monitor. “It’s not noticeable like solid waste.” He said that the adult mosquito population may be down, but it may not mean the job is being done. Weather conditions, rain in particular, interfere with mosquito control.

By Stella C. Theriot

...L PROFESSOR, DR. MATT DAKIN, CHECKS CHEMICAL LEVELS USING
 ...HISTICATED EQUIPMENT FOR HIS SECOND JOB, THAT OF A MOSQUITO
 ...NITOR FOR IBERIA PARISH.



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"Iberia Parish is smart in having mosquito control," Dakin said. Dakin added, however, that just hiring someone is not providing mosquito control. He feels that monitoring the contract is wise.

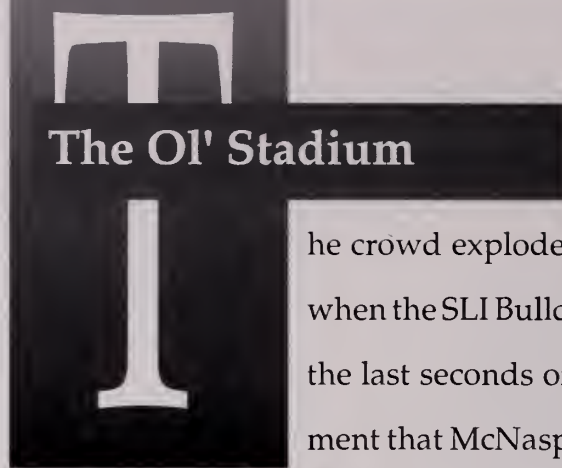
The main thrust in mosquito control is to prevent spread of disease. Mosquitoes are carriers of several diseases, including yellow fever, malaria, and several types of encephalitis.

Dakin indicated that one of the greatest problems concerns the pet population. Heartworms (in dogs) are prevalent but can be easily prevented with a regular treatment. Equine encephalitis, a disease that causes swelling in the brain, is a serious threat to horses.

Iberia parish officials are pleased with USL and Dakin's work. Roy Pontiff, administrative assistant to Iberia parish President Craig Romero, said, "By contracting with USL, we are saving considerable dollars. It is beneficial to the taxpayers."

"Dr. Dakin is doing an extremely good job for us. We rely on him very heavily." Pontiff, himself a USL graduate, said that the ties between USL and Iberia parish are strengthened by this connection. 

ONCE A HOT SPOT, McNASPY IS NOW A QUIET HAVEN FOR SUNBATHERS



he crowd exploded in a frenzy of applause and yell when the SLI Bulldogs scored the winning touchdown the last seconds of overtime. This is the kind of excitement that McNaspy Stadium once was a witness to.

that has not been the story since 1967. McNaspy Stadium, built in 1940 to be used as a football stadium and for track and field events, served as the center of attention on game nights during football seasons for nearly 30 years.

Because of the need for expansion, the growth of the university, the demand for more parking and the need for adequate space for the athletic department, a new facility, Cajun Field, was built in the late 1960s and early 1970s.

The McNaspy building was constructed for use as a stadium and dormitory. Not part of the original campus is located behind Earl K. Long Gym which was once used as the basketball facility. McNaspy stadium was named after C. J. McNaspy, a long time coach and athletic director when the university was known as Southwestern Louisiana Institute.

These days, one of the most significant uses of the stadium is that of sun deck collegiate sunbathers. In recent years the old stadium has been utilized in a number of other ways.

As recently as 1987, the facility was used for some outdoor physical activities classes. The USL Soccer team held competition there, and the ROTC sometimes conducted drill at the stadium when that program was in operation. And special pep rallies are held there from time to time.

Mike Cuccia, former student coach of the USL Soccer team, said his team began using McNaspy because "it was the only field on USL's campus that came close to meeting the size standards for soccer." Cuccia added, "It was a centralized setting that all students could come to when we played."

The soccer coach wasn't overly pleased with the stadium's condition, explaining that "the university didn't take care of the field up for us." Cuccia said that "years and years of damage," including potholes and exposed drainage equipment, made playing a little rocky at times.

By Stacy Landreth & Jeff Gremillion

"It could have been an advantage though, because we knew the field so well," Cuccia said. "We've never lost LSU at McNaspy."

Raymond Blanco, vice president of Student Affairs, was the USL football coach during many of the last years McNaspy was used as the football stadium. He remembers the stadium's heyday fondly.

"Spirit was high there," Blanco collected. He said the Cajuns "were winning" a lot at McNaspy in the late 1980s.

Blanco said McNaspy's ultimate fate is destruction. The stadium will be torn down to make room for a "multi-million dollar business and engineering complex." He would make no guess as to when the demolition/construction project will begin other than "when funds become available."



JOHN WEIMER

THE CONCRETE STEPS OF MCNASPY STADIUM DOUBLE AS BLEACHERS FOR SOCCER GAMES AND AS A SUN DECK FOR STUDENT SUNBATHERS.



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JOGGER CLINT S. CHATMAN MAKES THE MOST OF MCNASPY'S DESERTED TRACK ON A QUIET AFTERNOON.



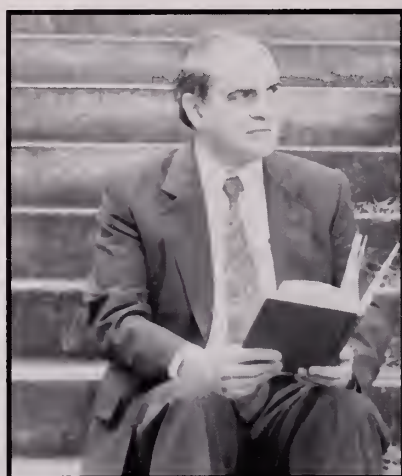
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ONCE A PROUD CENTER FOR USL SPORTS ENTHUSIASM, MCNASPY IS A WORN DOWN LANDMARK THAT SEES MINIMAL USE.

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OIL MAN AND USL FOUNDATION CHAMPION ALFRED LAMSON ON RAY AUTHEMENT

STEVE MEAUX



said 'Ray, I'm not going to raise \$600,000 for you, but I'll raise \$10 million for you,'" Alfred Lamson said of a time he recalled when President Ray Authement asked him to help raise money for the USL Foundation.

About 11 years ago Lamson, an independent oil operator, was asked to help the foundation raise enough funds to build a million-dollar trust.

"I never did ask him if he thought I could do it. I didn't know I couldn't do it," Lamson said.

Lamson said that he and his wife have been close friends with the president and his wife Barbara for 30 years. Consequently, when Authement asked Lamson to help USL raise endowed funds, he readily accepted.

Lamson said the president is an extremely intelligent man — and a man who's kind and compassionate. But Lamson had a criticism.

"He's more reserved than I would like to see him be," Lamson said. Lamson surmised that this quietness is partly due to Authement's innate shyness and partly due to his having so much on his mind.

"Ray doesn't seem to be mentally able to jump from something like business to something lighthearted and then back to something serious," Lamson reasoned. He said that's because Authement stays focused on what he's doing at a given time.

Lamson went on. "He has great ideas... He's been able to accomplish things that the other universities in this state can't do," Lamson said. He said that Authement is held in extremely high regard with the Board of Regents, the Board of Trustees and with Louisiana governors, past and present.

Lamson added that Authement is "very effective with the legislature. Ray is not just a back slapper. When he talks to people, [they know] he's not just blowing smoke."

Lamson even bragged on Authement's "ability" as a grandparent, saying that the president's grandson "really" loves his grandfather. "When a grandparent loves a child, it is not near as outstanding as if a child loves the grandparent," he gushed.

"He does have a lighter side, but he takes things so seriously because that goes with his job, with his personality," Lamson said. "He doesn't often let his guard down." ■

By Stella C. Therio

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Brent Adams, Univ Personnel
Ginger Adams, Acct Clerk
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Carl Bauer, Research

Magdy Bayoumi, CACS
Sheila Beasley, Sec Econ & Finance
Patricia Beaulieu, Math
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Bernice Bolling, Sec Socio & Anthro
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SGA PRESIDENT JOHN MORGAN ON

RAYMOND BLANCO

Raymond Blanco, vice president of Student Life, is crazy and outrageous, but devoted to the students here, said SGA President John Morgan.

"Blanco is a true believer in students' rights to develop as young people through student government, yearbook, newspaper and private organizations, whether he agrees with them or not," Morgan said.

According to Morgan, Blanco is a walking paradox. He operates "to please no one while trying to please everyone." His mannerisms and actions are outrageous, Morgan said, adding that even his dress is crazy.

Blanco handles all student-life functions including security, maintenance, counseling and advising. Despite his involvement, he still manages to find time to be a great father and a great husband, Morgan said.

"He's a wonderful father," Morgan said, "and from what I know he's a wonderful husband. He still finds ways to romance his wife."

Morgan added that Blanco also finds time to fish. According to Morgan, if God gave Blanco one more day to live, it would be spent fishing. Morgan laughed when he thought about Blanco's boat, The African Queen, but said that he refuses to ride in it.

"I'm not getting in no boat with him!" Morgan said. "He's too dangerous!" Morgan is, however, brave enough to try his cooking and finds his spaghetti the best around.

Blanco has six children — four girls and two boys. According to Morgan, every time he goes into Blanco's office, he's on the phone with one of his children. Blanco's fatherly attitudes permeate through his actions with students at USL.

"He'll scream and holler at a kid if he's right, and he'll scream and holler at a kid if he's wrong," Morgan said. "At the same time, he'd sit down with a kid like he was his father."

Morgan considers Blanco to be an asset to the university because of his strong support of the students.

"He's important to the students because he takes up for every entity they're in," Morgan said. Morgan added that Blanco adds a "certain flavor to USL, whether some people like it or not."

Morgan said that outside of USL, Blanco has three interests.

"Politics, politics and politics, and that's it," Morgan said. ■



DANIEL LINCOLN

By Jennifer Juneau

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Connie Byrd, Productivity Center
Norma Byrd, English
Tom Cade, MRS
Ora-Westley Cady, History
Marion Cahill, Nursing
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Shirley Calais, Physical Plant
Maunce Carr, Elec & Comp Eng

Jane Carstens, Library Science
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Sandra Castille, Library
Faye Cavalier, Wisdom Catholic
Jacqueline Ceaser, Stu Personnel
Claude Cech, Psychology
Joseph Chaisson, Physical Plant

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Warrell Charles, Physical Plant
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Patricia Cottonham, Stu Aid
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John Daigle, Physical Plant
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Amy Dalcour, Lab Asst Nursing
Margaret Daniel, Music



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RAYMOND CORDOVA, ASSISTANT TO SEN. JOHN BREAUX, ON WAYNE DENTON

by Stacy Landreth

if it has to be done, Dr. Denton will get it done.

Dr. Wayne Denton, vice president of research, is integral in getting companies to give money to USL for research projects by working through the university as well as utilizing his connections with area politicians in order to get federal monies.

Raymond Cordova, who works for U.S. Sen. John Breaux, has known Denton for over 20 years and has worked with him in many capacities. They have served on various committees and worked on research projects together.

Cordova described Denton as instrumental in the creation of the research park for the research committee. He's dealt with many federal agencies, such as the U.S. Department of Wetlands, in order to get future projects for the university.

Denton has worked intensively with U.S. Sen. Breaux and U.S. Sen. Bennett Johnston as well as U.S. Rep. Jimmy Hayes on all of his work for the research department.

"Wayne is extremely good friends with U.S. Sen. Breaux. We go fishing together," said Cordova. According to Cordova, he and Denton have been close friends for a long time.

"I am friends with his family, and we go out to eat together," he said.

Denton, who has two children and three grandchildren whom he is very proud of, was described by Cordova as a very warm, caring, sincere individual.

"He's always there if any of his friends need a favor," Cordova said. "Wayne is my best buddy — and an excellent sac-a-lait fisherman." ■



DAVID WALKER, DIRECTOR OF AUXILIARY SERVICES, ON

"He is very well thought of among his peers and very well thought of here at the university and very much depended on ...," said David Walker, director of Auxiliary Services, of Ovey Hargrave, vice president of Business Affairs.

Since the days when Walker was a USL student himself, Hargrave. "I really got to know him when I came as director of Housing in 1978 because financially I answered to him," Walker said.

According to Walker, Hargrave has been at USL since 1961. For the last 31 years the vice president has held different posts but has always been the person in charge of financial matters of the university.

According to Walker, Hargrave's strong point is his financial knowledge. Walker said that when many universities, including USL, received budget cuts from the state consecutively for several years, it was "devastating." Because of Hargrave's foresight and wise investment knowledge USL did not suffer layoffs or major cuts to staff or faculty. "In many of those years they were still able to give raises to faculty," Walker said.

Walker said that Hargrave is admired by members of the Board of Trustees because of his expertise in business. Walker commented that he has been in Hargrave's office on many occasions when vice presidents or business managers from other universities have called USL's top money man for advice on financial decisions.

But Walker said Hargrave's talents and interests are not limited to finances.

"He is very much a family man," Walker said. Hargrave has four children some of whom live away from Lafayette and he visits them as often as he can. "He travels at every opportunity he gets to see his children," Walker said.

Walker said that Hargrave is of retirement age and when he leaves a great deal of knowledge will go with him because he knows every budget "in and out and backwards and forwards."

Walker added, "He's going to be basically impossible to replace."

H OVEY ARGRAVE



TRENT MYERS

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Lloyd Darby, Physical Plant
Joseph Davis, Physical Plant
Nolan Davis, Physical Plant
Roy Dawes, Political Science
Lillian Day, Jr Division
Lewis Deaton, Biology
Bobbie Decur, Special Services
L.E. Delgehausen, Campus Minister
Mary Denton, Sec CASTS

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Daniel Derousselle, Physical Plant
John Derousselle, Physical Plant
Gayle Desormeaux, Sec Math
Linda Desormeaux, Library
Lynn Dessel, Dean Agri & HUMR
Peter Dickinson, Statistics
Louis Dixon, Econ & Finance
Donald Doffoney, Talent Srch
Matilda Doherty, Special Svcs

Sheila Domingue, Public Safety
Brian Dore, Computer Center
James Dorman, History
Cheryl Doucet, Library
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Robert Drulhet, Rsrce Center
Henry Dubois, Physical Plant
Betty Ducharme, Housing & Aux Svcs
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Theresa Duhan, Physical Plant
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Brent Faul, OIS
Olivia Faulk, Stokes Hall
Barbara Feunblum, Library
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John Ferstel, English
Joan Fiero, English
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Teresita Finlay, Nursing

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TRENT MYERS



by Jennifer Juneau

here are interesting and unusual facts about Gary Marotta, vice president of Academic Affairs, that we may never know. According to Amos Simpson, an honor professor in history, these facts are inappropriate for print.

Simpson did say, however, that the university is fortunate to have him as an administrator because he acts as a balancing factor.

"It's fortunate for us because most administrators have been in math or science," Simpson said. Marotta's background in history and the arts balances this out.

Simpson, the Frank A. Godchaux Senior Honor Professor in History, added that he is especially interested in Marotta's work in art history.

"Good historians are interested in artists because of the way they reflect culture and society," he said. Marotta has written two books on Auguste Rodin. One entitled *Auguste Rodin* was written with his wife Joan Miller in association with a major Rodin Retrospective at the Metropolitan Museum of Arts in 1986.

Marotta is from the city, but has learned to adapt to the rural life of Louisiana, Simpson said.

"Since he's come here, he has developed an interest in fishing and swamps," Simpson said. He added that Marotta is spending most of his spare time building a "marvelous" house for "beauty and entertaining."

According to Simpson, Marotta is happy to be living in Lafayette. He added that Marotta likes raising his son Josh, 6, in this area. Simpson said that Josh was at his house once and saw a lemon growing on a tree. He got excited because he had never seen that kind of tree before.

Marotta got his undergraduate degree from Long Island University. His graduate work was done at Columbia University, and he received his doctorate degree from New York University. Before coming to USL, Marotta served as dean of the School of Communication at Long Island University at the Brooklyn campus.

Simpson considers Marotta such an asset to the university because of his background in history and the arts, and because he is recognized as a scholar.

"We're fortunate to have someone of his caliber here," Simpson said. ■

HONOR PROFESSOR AMOS SIMPSON ON GARY MAROTTA

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Ursula Jackson, Computer Science
Robert Jaeger, Biology
Barbara Jean-Louis, Physical Plant
David Johnson, Geog & URPL
Deborah Johnson, Library

GENIE CRAMER, DIRECTOR OF MEDIA SERVICES, ON

"She represents the best in academia." Genie Cramer, director of Media Services at USL described Della Bonnette, director of Computer and Information Systems and a member of USL's University Council, as we sat in the director's third floor office in Dupre Library.

Cramer explained that she has known Bonnette almost as long as she has been at USL, which is about 20 years. She said that Bonnette has been her direct chain of command for about ten to twelve years now. According to Cramer, she couldn't do better.

"Della is very supportive and encouraging to everyone who works with her," Cramer said. Cramer said that she is a real role model for academic administrators. She went on to say that Bonnette is recognized as outstanding on the national level, but she never wants to overshadow her workers' accomplishments so she rarely mentions her own.

Cramer said that Bonnette is in an area that is generally thought of as a non-traditional academic area for women. She has a dual degree in psychology and mathematics with a master's degree in computer science. She has served on major accrediting services, one of which was the Massachusetts Board of Regents. "She has made contributions to her profession that exceeds what most people will ever do," Cramer noted.

She went on about Bonnette. "It sounds like you just deal in superlatives [when you speak about Bonnette]." Cramer described her as an outstanding administrator, fair, possessing a wonderful sense of humor, and a superb judge of character.

Cramer also said that Bonnette has extraordinary social skills in dealing with people and their problems. And she said that Bonnette is the type of person that, when she decides to learn to do something, she learns to do it quite well.

Cramer cited a few areas of Bonnette's expertise, including cooking and writing. She said that Bonnette has authored a number of journal articles.

The director said that it's "exciting to work with someone like that." ■

by Stella C. Theriot

DELLA BONNETTE



ART LAUCK

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Stuart Johnson, Dir Student Union
Geraldine Johnstone, Human Rsrce
Denise Jones, Foreign Language
Gwendolyn Jones, Physical Plant
Patricia Jones, Math
Robert Jones, English
Mary Joseph, Housing
Ozean Joubert, Physical Plant
Eloise Jourden, Curric & Instr

Martha Jourden, Bus Services
Anne Judice, General Business
Ralph Kearrott, Math
Dean Keeley, Chemistry
Kathleen Kelly, Communications
Greg Kennedy, EHMS & Nursing
Nongluk Keretho, Sec SMDC
Debbie Kidder, Credit Union
Jean Kiesel, Library
Audrey Kihemann, Hist & Philosophy

Gary Kunsland, Geology
William Klos, Elec & Comp Engrg
Diane Knight, Curric & Instr
Stephen Knouse, Management
Michael Konczal, Pub Rels & News Svcs
Reinhart Kondert, History
Mark Konikoff, Biology
William Koon, Geopress Engrg
Donn Kurtz, Political Science
Dolores Labbe, History

Leonder Labbe, Agri Sci Tech & Educ
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Ronald Lajunie, Business Affairs
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Elizabeth Landry, Alumni Affairs

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John Landry, Physical Plant
John T. Landry, Alumni
Mildred Landry, Buchanan Hall
Norma Landry, Business Services
Raymond Landry, Prtg Services
Susan Lane, H & PE
Harold Langford, Mgmt & Quan Meth
Stephen Langlais, Agri Engrg
Sigred Lanoux, Dean Coll of Sciences

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Harr-et Laporte, Sec History
Jill Laroussini, Student Health Svcs
Hector Lasala, Architecture
Margaret Lasalle, Math
Louella Latiolais, Sec Psychology
Susan Lavergne, Computer Center
Glen Laurents, Printing Services
Donna Laurents, Computer Center
Sherry Lebas, Asst Athletic Dir



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VICE PRESIDENT AMERICUS JAMES OLIVER ON STEVE LANDRY

Steve Landry has a unique ability to work with people of other cultures in order to create an excellent impression of the university with people not only in this country, but others as well"

Dr. James Oliver, vice president Americus of USL and part-time computer science professor, has known Steve Landry, director of Research and Grants, for over 20 years in many capacities. Their relationship began when Landry was a student of Dr. Oliver's. They worked together in other areas until Oliver, then a USL vice president, became Landry's boss.

On a more personal level, Oliver and Landry belong to many of the same groups at the university. "I got to know him outside of work at the crawfish boils and other socials that we would attend," Oliver said.

As director of Research and Grants, Landry helps faculty members prepare grants to the government, corporations and foundations. Landry also has a seat on the USL University Council.

According to Oliver, Landry has worked in an area with many people of foreign countries. Working with internationals is an area in which he excels.

One of Landry's most impressive talents is his ability to "quickly visualize how to use computers in order to solve problems," Oliver said.

Oliver described Landry as a very personable individual. "Steve is really easy to get to know and enjoy," he said.

Also, according to the vice president, family is important to Landry. His wife is the chief nurse at the infirmary and he has three children that are nearing college age. ■

by Stacy Landreth



ART LAUCK

T-Joe Savoie is the life of the party. Savoie's most unique feature is his good-spirited sarcasm and great sense of humor, according to Martha Hoover Crombie, former president of the USL Alumni Association. "He can be very sarcastic without hurting anyone's feelings," said Crombie.

Crombie has worked with Joseph Savoie, director of Enrollment Management and a member of USL's University Council, for nearly 5 years. Their relationship began as fellow students at USL 16 years ago. Savoie began his USL employment as a Student Union Program Coordinator, and Crombie worked under him as a Union Program Advisor. He contacted Crombie to work with the Alumni Board of Governors and in Alumni Affairs where she served as president for 1990. They have worked together in the area of Alumni Affairs ever since.

Savoie spent 14 years in Student Personnel serving the needs of all students and particularly those associated with the Greek system. He's served as director of Alumni Affairs and as executive director of the Alumni Association.

According to Crombie, he has a clear vision of where USL has to go in the area of institutional advancement and USL's role in the world of higher education.

"He has USL's best interest at heart," said Crombie. According to Crombie, Savoie is always

concerned with USL's public relations image.

He has worked hard to promote the university to the alumni, students and community.

Family life is very important to Savoie. He's married to Gail Savoie, also a USL alumnus, and he has one daughter, Blair, a fourth grader at Fatima. But Savoie has another family. According to Crombie, Savoie strives to create an extended family with the administration and faculty at USL. He often says that that kind of family atmosphere is one of the best advantages to working at the university.

"He also uses it as a 'selling point' when trying to get new people to become part of the family," Crombie said. ■



ART LAUCK

FORMER ALUMNI

PRESIDENT MARTHA

HOOVER CROMBIE ON

S T-JOE SAVOIE

by Stacy Landreth



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Gerald LeBlanc, Bus Affairs
James LeBlanc, Petro Engrg
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Chervit Legrand, Jr., Comp Center
Joseph Lemelle, Physical Plant
Benjamin Leon, EECE
Cedric Lewis, Physical Plant
Melissa Lewis, Acad Ping & Fac Devp

Roy Lewis, Union
Gayle LeBlanc, Post Office
Linda LeBlanc, Biology
Simone LeBlanc, Job Link Center
Steven LeBlanc, Wisdom Catholic
Russell LeBlanc, Intramurals
Jong Lin, Chemical Engrg
Charles Lipari, EECE
Lucy Lissard, Human Resources
Brian Lock, Geology

Shelly Lockard, Nursing
James Lockhart, Physical Plant
Lisa Loeffler, Univ Personnel
Andrea Loewy, Music
J. D. Lofton, Acctg & Legal Services
Rasiah Loganathanaraj, CMP'S
Kathleen Lopez, Math
Greg Louviere, Architecture
Robert Luckey, Music
Gerald Lund, Dir MSTC

John Lyles, Athletics
James Lynch, Oceanographic Process
Gloria Mackinlay, Nursing
Ray Mailhes, Physical Plant
Marie Mamalakis, Pub Rel Conslnt
Leland Manard, Univ Personnel
Serena Mandella, SGA Daycare
Anna Marks, Library
Susan Marshall, Library
Mary Martot, Nursing

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Muhammad Masood, Univ Personnel
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Paul Mattheimeier, Biology
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Robert May, H & P

Romona Mayeux, Nursing
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John McMillan, MSTC
William McMillan, MSTC

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 Fred Nelson, H & PE
 Norma Nettles, Personnel Services
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 Becky Patterson, Adm Rsch Asst
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 Robert Rinard, Physical Plant
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 Robert Schmalz, Music History
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 Thomas Schoonover, History
 Otto Schweitzer, Chem Engrg
 Dwayne Searle, Athletics
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Lucille Simon, Agriculture
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Mark Smith, Management
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Michael Smith, H & PE
Stanford Smith, Mech Engrg
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Stacie Thomas, Clerk Contig Educ

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Miklos Thuranszky, Experimental Farm
Michael Totaro, Micro-Comp & IS Lab
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Linda Vincent, Human Resources
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Victoria West, OIS
John White, English
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Jeanette Wickham, Library
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THE STUDENT PERSONNEL TEAM

DOMINGUE COMES OUT OF THE CLOSET,

BLANCO LEAVES BIG BUSTS,

MOUTON LETS HIS HAIR DOWN, ETC

The Student Personnel deans are a colorful collection of unique personalities with admirably high ideals.

Take **Jay Domingue**, for example.

"I see a Greek system where grades are high, academics are priority, where being in a fraternity will be more of an advantage," said the assistant dean of Student Personell/fraternity advisor.

He wants fraternities to be perceived as positive rather than as negative in the general campus community. Domingue feels that Greeks here have potential to be a premier Greek system, but they are not tapping into their resources.

"I really feel they can do 10 times the amount that they are doing now academically, leadership-wise, and recruitment-wise," he said. Domingue thinks that USL has the potential to be the strongest and the largest Greek system in the state. "I am strict because I care about the system," he said. Domingue said that fraternities need to realize that school is not just a party. "We are in school for one reason, to get a degree," Domingue said.

When Domingue is not dealing with fraternities, he visits and spends time with his friends. But when he is alone, there is another side. And now Domingue is coming out of the closet.

"I'm a closet trekker. It's my favorite show," Domingue said of *Startrek: The Next Generation*.

Assistant Dean of Student Personnel **Sara Hossley** described Domingue as a great person to work with. "Jay is very consistent and very reliable," she said.

Hossley's main job responsibility is working with the Rose Garden residence halls. "I am growing from working with students, and I hope that they can grow from it too," she said. Hossley said that if she could "reach" just one student a day, it is worth it.

"I try to make everything that is negative turn out positive," she said.

Hossley spends a lot of time with her newborn child Jared when she is not working at the office. "It's hard work to raise a baby, but it's wonderful," she said.

Before joining the Student Personnel team at USL, Dean **Raymond Blanco** was engaged in



JAY DOMINGUE

some pretty hard work himself. He worked with Lafayette Metro Narcotics as a narcotics agent.

"I wanted and needed to slow down, and I liked USL," he said. Blanco, an assistant dean of Student Personnel whose hobbies include Karate, is in charge of all men's dorms except the Conference Center. He said he loves working with the students and helping them whenever they need it.

"I feel that I can communicate well with them and show them the real picture of how society really is — and show them how to overcome obstacles they may come in contact with."

Anthony Daniel, the new associate dean of students/director of Student Personnel, said of Blanco, "I think he will eventually be a big asset because he has such a great charisma with the students." Daniel added that Blanco "understands [students], and they understand where he is coming from."

Daniel sits in a new office just two doors down from where he sat last year. Daniel said his new position is a learning experience for him and his new staff members. "I am in charge of training and teaching all assistant deans, two secretaries and two graduate assistants," said Daniel.

He describes himself as an open and honest person when it comes to students and the people he works with. "I try to be fair. I listen to what people have to say before I make judgments," Daniel said.

When Daniel is away from the office, he enjoys officiating high school sports and spending time with his family. "My family is very, very important to me," he said.

Edward Pratt, Dean of Students, said that he's impressed with the job that Daniel has done at his new job. "He has a new and young staff who are all doing very well. He has come into his new position with a lot of poise," Pratt said.

Pratt has been at USL for 22 years and is still one of the batteries that makes everything run smoothly. Pratt receives complaints from students and works with student organizations. Pratt and his staff believe that it's important to understand the needs of students when it comes to rules.

"It would be easy to have a strict rule without staff people to talk with," he said. Pratt said that most schools do not take the time to work with students the way USL does. He said that the administration here spends a lot of time customizing the university policies to students. "It is a phenomenal attempt...and students appreciate it," Pratt said.

According to Pratt, USL is a very unique university. "The thing that makes us unique from other universities is the way that everyone tries



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TODD MOUTON



CHERYL EVANS

to deal with every individual problem that students present," Pratt said. He added that he hears this often from other students who come from other schools where things are done differently.

"So many people really care about the students," Pratt said.

When Pratt is not working in the area of Student Affairs, he likes to hunt, fish, and play with his Labrador.

Patti Guercio, new assistant to the dean of student personnel/panhellenic advisor, agrees. She said of Pratt, "He gets thing done. If there is a problem he gets on the phone."

She said that she knows when Pratt is around because she can hear him talking to everyone in the office. Guercio said that Pratt makes her and the students he counsels feel comfortable.

Guercio is from Vidalia, La., a small town in the north of the state just across the Mississippi River from Mississippi. Her quaint southern accent attests to her geographic background.

Before coming to USL, she traveled for Phi Mu sorority as a consultant. "I liked traveling because I got to meet interesting people, and I was able to see how Phi Mu was at other universities," she said.

Guercio is the advisor to all sororities on campus and handles some discipline cases. She said that she is still learning what the rules are at USL.

"Being on call is the most difficult part of the job," she said. Guercio is on call every five days, as are all the other assistant deans. "There is a dean on call every 24 hours, and you have to deal with whatever comes up," she said. Guercio said she enjoys country dancing and Zydeco music.

According to **Cheryl Evans**, assistant to the dean of students/director of Greek Affairs, Guercio is a someone who has a "quiet strength". Evans said that Guercio is someone whom she can count on to make the right decisions.

"She is not a person who is loud. I respect that," Evans said. Evans supervises the fraternity and sorority advisors. "Dean Guercio and Dean Domingue do the hands-on stuff with the groups, and I am the supervisor," Evans said. She also works with all funding and special events of each university organization. And she is in charge of making organizations aware of university rules concerning alcohol.

"I work with the university alcohol policy and make sure all organizations are familiar with it," she said.

Before Evans began her new job, she was advisor to sororities. She said that she misses the hands-on experience and the students because she describes herself as "a real people person."

She said, "I get my kicks from being around people. I get bored real fast when a job is just



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PATTI GUERCIO

TRENT MYERS

DANIEL LINCOLN



ANTHONY DANIEL

papers," she said. Evans enjoys solving problems for people and is always willing to help out in any matter.

In her free time, Evans likes to exercise, travel and do volunteer work for the Junior League.

"I like to visit my kids who go to school out of state," she said. "I really like to be involved in what my kids are doing." Asked if she liked Zydeco music, Dean Evans said that she is not a music person. **Todd Mouton** feels differently.

"I like to go to Zydeco clubs when I go out," Mouton said. As an assistant dean of Student Personnel, Mouton is responsible for working with Denbo and Bancroft residence halls. He is in charge of training the staff, working with those residents and helping to their problems.

"I spend most of my time there because there are about 800 residents in those two buildings," he said.

Like Guercio, Mouton feels that being on call all hours of the night is rough. "A lot of times you have a freshman who is far from home, and they're scared. You can go in and comfort them and give them a little extra attention," Mouton said.

When asked how he felt about being the youngest student personnel dean, Mouton, 23, said his age helps because students come to him more quickly than anyone else.

"Because I am kind of young, people tend to approach me sooner, and they tend to realize that I will not give them a bullshit answer," Mouton said. He admitted, however, that he does sometimes feel uncomfortable taking on the heavy role as a disciplinarian because he is so young.

Besides his age, Mouton is also different from other deans in his appearance.

"One day a student was talking the Dean Ray Blanco and asked who I was. Ray replied that I was a dean and the student was surprised. The student said I looked like I just stepped off of a surfboard," Mouton said. Mouton, who has shoulder-length hair and a more relaxed taste in office wear than his colleagues, said that he has to be himself if he is going to work with students.

Mouton enjoys playing his guitar and hosting his KRVS radio show called "Dirty Rice" on alternate Saturday nights.

The young dean completed his undergraduate education at Boston College, and he said he's glad to be back in the state.

"I like Louisiana music, food, language and landscapes," he said. He is a great defender of the bayou state, and has a canned response for any of its detractors: "Great. More of Louisiana for me. See ya' later."



STEVE MEAUX

RAYMOND BLANCO

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PEOPLE

Students. Students. Students. Without them the university dies,

so the students are USL's life — its blood. Faculty and administrators may

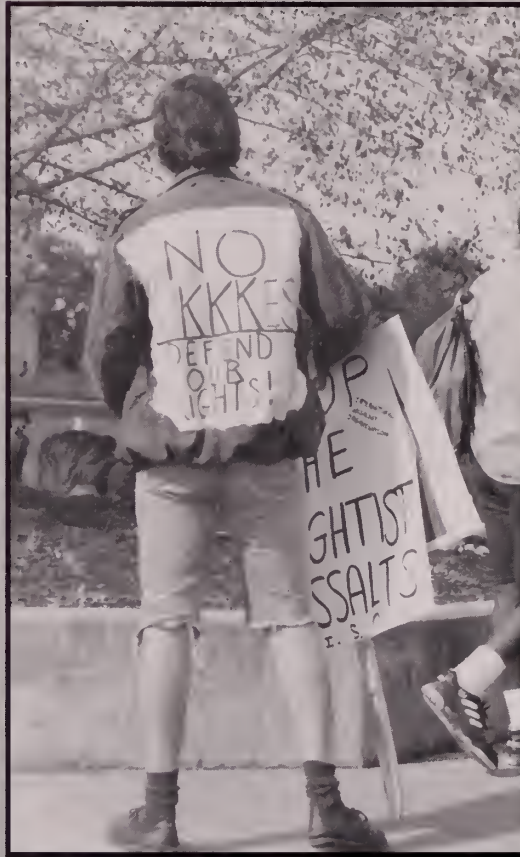
seek to guide the flow, but it's the blood following its own natural course

that controls the beating of the heart.



DANIEL LINCOLN

DURING HOMECOMING FESTIVITIES,
AN ACCORDIANIST ENTERTAINS
STUDENTS NEAR THE SIGMA NU
FRATERNITY HOUSE.



DANIEL LINCOLN

AN ANTI-DUKER
WEARS HIS
FEELINGS ON HIS
SLEEVE (AND HIS
BACK) AT AN
"ANTI-DUKE"
RALLY IN THE
QUAD.



DANIEL LINCOLN

ON A COOL FALL DAY, MOTORCYCLIST GARY CHATTIN CHATS WITH STACY THIBODEAUX ON THE
GRASS NEAR GIRARD HALL.

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KATHY BRIGGS



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Kathy Briggs loves her job.

She said she sees her work as a mental health technician at Acadian Oaks Hospital as

learning experience beyond all others. "Not a day goes by without me learning something," she said.

Briggs works mainly with children and adolescents who have attempted suicide, are addicted to drugs or alcohol, come from abusive homes or struggle with depression. She teaches proper communication skills, counsels, and informs doctors of peculiar problems.

In dealing with the array of unique problems that arise on the job, he has to know what to do in a crisis. Often it means taking the role of disciplinarian.

"I have to be strict and tough sometimes but remain approachable at other times," she said. "In one situation, I might have to show my emotions, but in another I might have to put up a facade in order for these kids to take me seriously."

Briggs is a junior majoring in psychology. She stayed out of school during the fall semester in order to work full time. Work, she said, is her most rewarding activity.

"I love to be around people. They really fascinate me," she said. But," she added, "sometimes I want to be totally by myself with my books. I love to travel and have adventures, too. My activities have to be challenging and intense. I like to do things that other people might think bizarre."

Her "bizarre" activities include recapturing her childhood with the young people she works with. "We climb trees," she said.

Acadian Oaks co-worker Tamara Martin has worked with Briggs for a year or so. According to Martin, Briggs has a unique ability of communicating with both the children and adolescents. "She is an outstanding leader and role model for the children. They react to her very positively," Martin said. "She has nothing but the utmost respect for her co-workers and is very supportive of everyone."

Martin described an art program that Briggs designed for young children and other participants in art therapy. Briggs was also integral in the design of play-therapy sessions and a "Round Robin" storytime which, according to Martin, seems to be helping many children deal with their problems.

Briggs has been on USL's Freshman Orientation Staff for three

years. She was also chairman of Senior Day and chairman of Project FIND (Freshmen In Need of Direction), an orientation follow up program. She traveled to Connecticut as a delegate for USL in the National Orientation Director's Association convention.

Though still undecided about her plans after graduation, Briggs said that she definitely wants to go to graduate school to get a doctorate in Psychology. She said she may specialize in child and adolescent studies. She plans on marrying and having children — "at least three" — after she gets her Master's.

Briggs said that people describe her as having a certain energy about her. She is easily approachable and eager to meet people.

"My biggest asset is that I am very open-minded. I hate people who are not. I'm willing to accept all viewpoints," Briggs said. "But I hate people who are cruel and rude, and I can see right through people who are fake."

Because her parents divorced when she was three, the only family she knew when she was growing up was her mother and her younger sister Kristie. Her mother instilled the importance of self-sufficiency and of having her own career.

"I am extremely self sufficient," she said, "almost to the point that it hurts me. I like to take control. I need to learn to step back and let others help me," she said.

Briggs' biggest fear is failure. "I am afraid that I won't be able to help people, that I'll make huge mistakes," she said. "I would like to research new areas and help people. I would hate to go through all this schooling and find that I can't help someone or that I don't want to do this for the rest of my life." ■

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**"i tHINK any lifestyle would make me hAPPY because i
bELIEVE that hAPPINESS is something you cONTROL."**

"This car keeps me humble," Anne Zappi said, smiling, as she backed out the driveway.

She explained that her 1982 Toyota Tercel was a hand-me-down. Two brothers and two sisters had it before her.

Growing up amidst her five brothers and sisters, her possessions were often the former property of her siblings. But Zappi doesn't seem permanently scarred because of the sacrifices. Rather, she explained that growing up the youngest taught her to respect and understand people with diverse personality types.

"I've been real observant of my older brothers and sisters," she said. "They are so unique. I've been able to get a real appreciation for differences in people. I think that has a lot to do with why I like people so much."

And she does like people. Her mother said that when she was three weeks old she hugged baby Anne, saying, "Tight, tight, tight." To her mother's surprise and joy, baby Anne squeezed back.

Zappi herself is also service oriented, as her interests and extracurricular activities illustrate. When she and a close friend attended an "Up With People" show in September, Anne was having thoughts of auditioning for the organization. "I'd be a peace ambassador to the world," she said.

Church activities are one of her top priorities. She has been doing Scripture readings at Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church since she was a college freshman. She also serves as a Eucharistic minister (one who gives communion in the Catholic Church), a task she described as "a great honor and a privilege." In 1990 she taught a seventh-grade religion class at Holy Cross Catholic Church.

Family prayer time and routine observation of Sunday mass helped shape Zappi's religious faith. She said her parents "always tried to instill in us a sense of priorities."

Her faith, she said, is her greatest priority. "That's the most important thing that my family taught me," she said.

More than a rigid set of

tenets, her parents taught by their lifestyles. "I don't think they ever s down and said, 'OK, God is the most important thing in your life,'" sl added, smiling. "But it's through the little things, the day-to-da things."

Her parents also instilled in Zappi the idea that hardwork pays o "There's nothing wrong with working hard for what you believe in," sl said.

And she does stay busy. In addition to her church work, sl maintains a 3.6 GPA and teaches six aerobic classes weekly at both USL Bourgeois Hall and Spanky's health club in Lafayette.

Rachel Myers, an aerobics instructor who works closely with Zappi described her as "wonderful."

"I've never seen her not smile. She's like a saint," Myers commente In her off time, Zappi writes letters, keeps a journal, studies, loves Cajun dance, sleeps a lot, and works to complete a personal list of books including *All the Kings Men*, *Pride and Prejudice*, and *Moby Dick*. "It would be horrible if I die and don't finish all these books."

A member of Gamma Beta Phi, a service oriented organization, Zappi is also involved in several other campus organizations including t Vermilion Honor Society and the Newman Club. She has been tutori philosophy since 1990 and has served on the residency committee sin 1989.

Mary Puyau, senior in speech pathology, has been a friend of Zappi's since 1988. Puyau said that Zappi often gets "fired-up" about the activities she involved in.

"Anne is t most positive person I know," she said. "S sees the world through rose-colored glasses. anybody's had a bad d and they're around h she can always bri them back up."

Planning graduate in the spring 1992, Zappi has not r idly scheduled her po college life.

"I'm not shu ting any doors," she a She is, however, hoi to go to law school, a she also hinted at m sionary work. ■



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"In spite of the evil that men do, they are still good at heart." Those words by Anne Frank are an ideal that Seth Brown lives by. He said that Frank still believed in mankind after all that she had gone through. Brown said that he too believed that no matter how badly people treat others, inside they are still basically good.

"I see myself as a very understanding person. I look at both sides and don't knock something until I try it," Brown said.

The founder of the campus chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Brown said that the organization is the main reason blacks are attending college — the main reason *he* is attending USL.

"It was Brown vs. the State Board of Education that allowed blacks to enter colleges. [Later Supreme Court Justice Thurgood] Marshall was the attorney for the NAACP who filed the law suit and was also a member of the organization," he said.

A senior majoring in Finance, Brown plans to graduate in the Summer of 1992. He said that, for a while, he was considering changing his major because of all of the accounting and math classes that it required.

"Now I love math," he said. He added that Accounting 202 was one of his favorite classes because it presented a "challenge." He enjoys challenges.

All people, according to Brown, are confused about their race, including African-Americans "They only know what they were told," he said.

"A lot of people do not know [about the African influence on Western Civilization] because of the dominance of European history in our country," he said.

"For instance," he continued, "Garrett A. Morgan, an African-American, invented the first stop light and another African-American was the first to do open-heart surgery."

Those who know Brown can tell you that he rarely shies away from a controversial issue. One of the hottest debates of the year, particularly in the black community, was Clarence Thomas's nomination and eventual confirmation to the Supreme Court.

Brown took a side that was relatively unpopular among black leaders. Brown said that if he were a senator, he would have voted to confirm Thomas. He said that many liberals disapprove of Thomas because he believes that some minority programs are unfair.

"Unless he is a fool, [Thomas] knows that the [welfare] system works," Brown said. "He went to college on minority set-aside programs."

Besides presiding over the campus NAACP chapter, Brown was also a member of the Union Program Council and the Food Service

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Committee. "There is just not enough time in the day to get everything accomplished that I would like to," he said. In the afternoon, Brown said he is just getting over the "hype" of the day.

"It is hard to go from academics to extra-curricular activities," he said. "When you do this every day, it becomes hard to manage your time."

During the free time that he does have, Brown said he enjoys spending time with his girlfriend, watching television, reading books and exercising.

Yale Rideau, vice president of the campus NAACP and a friend Brown's for 16 years said he knows Brown loves to exercise. But, according to Rideau, he can't play racquetball.

"He played racquetball one time and when he would hit the ball on the front wall, it would come right back and hit him. He could not move out of the way in time," said Rideau.

Brown also appreciates movies that have a plot that he can relate to. He commented on the original version of *Imitations of Life*. The movie illustrates the belief that many people go through life camouflaging themselves to be someone or something they are not.

Brown said that, from his experience, this camouflaging is to no avail. "If you put wings on a pig, it still will not be able to fly when you throw it off of a building because pigs can't fly. People should be proud of who they are and not try to be who they are not." ■

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JOANN NG

Their last names are a clue that Joann Ng and Vesa Loikas are not your ordinary college couple.

Ng is from Singapore, and Loikas is from Finland. They met at USL.

Ng is Oriental with dark hair, dark eyes and dark skin. She is friendly and outgoing. In addition to Malaysian and a dialect of Chinese, she is fluent in English. Loikas has blonde hair, blue eyes and light skin. Though quieter than Ng, he said that he has become more outgoing during the past few years.

Not married but engaged, both wear a gold band on their left-hand ring-finger. It is a Finnish custom to wear the bands during the engagement as well as the marriage, according to Loikas.

Ng came to the United States in the summer of 1989. She said she chose USL because it was one of the most inexpensive schools for foreign students to attend. Loikas came to the states in 1986 as a high school exchange student in northern Michigan. Later, he traveled to Texas Tech to try out for a football scholarship. He didn't get it, so he came to USL. He said that the relatively low tuition was also a factor.

In October of 1989, the two attended a crabbing trip sponsored by USL's International Student Office. They met and two months later became engaged.

VESA LOIKAS

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"Long engagement, huh?" Ng asked sarcastically.

She said that many of her friends were apprehensive about their decision at first, but she explained that in her country it is customary to become engaged early in the relationship and get married much later. As of October, they had not set a wedding date.

When asked what drew them together, Loikas said "Opposites attract." He added that he found Ng's Oriental looks "exciting and mysterious."

Ng said she was attracted to Loikas's humor and shyness.

"He's honest, creative and gives me a lot of support," she said.

Trent Roebuck, a friend of theirs, said that they make a great couple because of their communication skills. "They both like to smile and laugh and don't let the language barrier affect them."

He added that he was drawn to them by Loikas's sharp sense of humor and Ng's sensitivity and willingness to help others. "Both have a real sense of genuineness about them," he said.

Ng and Loikas spend plenty of time together. They live together and are involved in many of the same activities. Ng is former president of the International Student Council and Loikas is its former treasurer. Both are members of Phi Beta Delta, the international scholars honor society, and both are student orientation staff members.

Besides being an international representative on the UPC, Ng is a member of Sigma Gamma Mu, the communications honors society. Loikas is a member of Phi Kappa Phi, an honor society for seniors.

Both said that they are unsure of what they will do after graduation.

Ng said that their plans conflict. Planning on graduating in the spring of 1993, she wants to continue her education in graduate school. Loikas, however, will not graduate until the spring of 1994. At that time he will be obligated to serve one year in Finland's army.

"If she gets an assistanceship, then she will stay and will go [to Finland]," Loikas explained.

When not busy with school, Ng and Loikas enjoy entertaining friends at the apartment they share.

"We don't party too much," explained Ng.

"Not on the strip," interrupted Loikas, "we party in our apartment."

Ng said that she enjoys hanging around both international and American friends because they teach her so much about diverse cultures.

They both said that they like Louisiana but just cannot get used to the weather. Ng explained that the weather in Singapore is about 70 degrees year-round. She said that southwestern Louisiana's frequent weather changes are difficult to adjust to.

"I never know what to wear!" she said.

Ng and Loikas both said that they were amazed at how relaxed and friendly USL professors are. They explained that professors in Singapore and Finland are more reserved. "Teaching is very personal, and the teachers and professors [here] are so involved," Loikas said. ■

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KELLY TOBIN

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"Go beyond your limits. Don't ever settle for less physically or mentally." This is Kelly Tobin's key to success.

During her five years in college, the Titusville, Fl. native has played volleyball and run track and cross country.

Though USL was not Tobin's first choice of colleges, she said that she's glad she ultimately decided to be a cajun. "This campus is very friendly. It's a great size — not too big and not too small. I feel very welcome here."

Tobin came here on a volleyball scholarship, but soon exchanged it for one in track and field where she ran the 800-, 1500- and 3,000-meter races, as well as the three-mile cross-country race. In 1990, she was cross-country conference champion.

"I was really scared for that race because I was injured and had only been working in the pool," Tobin said. "I had not been running at all." But her fears were unwarranted. She came out on top and helped carry the USL Cross Country team to second place.

Preparing for a race takes a lot of time and discipline, she explained. A workout-day during the season begins with a 6 a.m. base run and graduates to distance and speed workouts in the afternoon.

"You really have to listen to the coaches and your teammates for advice," Tobin said. "I lie to myself before a race — psych myself up for something that is totally insane."

Charles Lancon, head coach of USL's track and field and cross country teams said that running takes a tremendous amount of discipline and Tobin has that. He said she deals with pressure "beautifully."

"Kelly is great," he said. "She is our best pressure runner. She's able to handle it great." Describing Tobin as a "competitive person," Lancon said, "I wish that we had a hundred more of her."

In addition to her running activities, Tobin is on the women's soccer team, plays volleyball and is the residence counselor at Bancroft Hall.

And, with her athletic eligibility over after five years of competition, Tobin decided to do something that she's always wanted to try — debate.

"I took the debate class, and some people in the class and the teacher encouraged me to join the debate team. I just started it this semester. I never had the time to do it before," she said.

A senior in interpersonal and public communication, Tobin talked of her post-graduation plans. Coming from a very supportive family with seven siblings, family life and marriage are very important to her. "My family is very supportive of me. I would venture to say that their support is one of my biggest assets," she said. She explained that she wants to



move back to Florida once she begins her family.

As for her career direction, she said, "I would like to be a public speaker for equal rights and really put a dent in racism." Her current boyfriend, Ramon Hernandez, is Puerto Rican. The two have been dating for three and a half years.

Tobin has a very defined view of herself. "I try to look at myself honestly — I'm always open to change, constantly growing." She said that she sees herself as a very easy-going person who likes to laugh. However, when she feels strongly about something she's relentless.

"There are certain issues that I feel very strongly about. I will listen to other people's opinions, but I rarely back down," said Tobin.

Although she gives the appearance of self-confidence, Tobin said she is frightened by the future. "It's very scary and exciting. You never know where you'll be."

She said that people should push themselves in order to be better in whatever they do. "Go beyond your limits. Always set new ones," she said.

Personalizing her advice, she added, "I know that I can run faster than I have, and that keeps me striving." ■

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DOUG PALOMBO

Doug Palombo is a man with a fear.

"I am afraid that after five years, when I graduate in May, that I won't know where to go next," he said. "It is not a matter of what to do, but which one to do."

The general studies major discussed his plethora of options. Law school, medical school, graduate school and the military are just a few.

Finally, Palombo said, "I think that I will take a year off and travel then go to graduate school, or into the military."

Palombo has spent his college years supporting USL. He was a cheerleader for two years, a varsity and junior varsity cheerleading coach, sports editor for *The Vermilion*, and a staff writer for *L'Acadien*. He has also held membership in the Society of Professional Journalists, the UPC Spirit Committee, the Financial Aid Committee, the Anthropological and Archaeological Society, and the Hugh O'Brien Youth Foundation. He has been an orientation staff leader for 2 years and house director at the Conference Center.

Despite all of his obvious school spirit and dedication, attending USL was a "fluke." Though Lafayette is his home, his first choice was not USL.

"I started at Rhodes College in Memphis, Tenn. to play football,"



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he explained. "I decided that I was not happy there, and came home the next summer planning to go to LSU or Tech."

"USL was not really even an option for me at the time," he continued. "I got to know a lot of people at USL and it was a lot different than I thought it would be."

What really sealed his decision was a discussion he had with a girl he had gone to high school with. After weeks of persuasion, she finally convinced him to participate in cheerleader try-outs.

"I went to a practice and decided that it was what I wanted to do," Palombo said. "It was real weird at first because I was recruited to play football at USL, and then I was on the field cheering. It was sort of an egg thing." The rest is history.

Palombo said that cheerleading and orientation staff are his favorite activities. "I cherish friendship. I love people, and I love to talk," Palombo said.

Fellow orientation staff leader, Shannon Becnell described Palombo as "a very responsible, hard working and dedicated person."

"He made things a lot of fun," she added.

Palombo described cheerleading as "a great chance to work with wonderful people."

Early last spring, the USL cheerleaders were left without a coach. Palombo was asked to fill the position. "I decided to coach because I wanted to be more involved with it — and they needed one," he said.

Palombo explained that dealing with his peers comes naturally. "I respect them, and they respect me. I do not dictate. I like input from everyone. I want to hear what everyone has to say, good or bad," he said. "If we all disagree, then we discuss it. It's the only way to effectively deal with people in this type of situation."

Pride and his sense of responsibility to USL drive Doug to continue coaching. The excitement of the athletic system and the thrill of seeing the cheerleaders accomplish things — both on a performance level and on a spirit level — motivate him to ever-deepening involvement with the cheerleaders.

"I want them to be the best that they can be," he said. "Success will come if they can get the crowd more involved in the games."

Head cheerleader Christy Sisley said, "Doug always expects our best. He expects the cheerleaders to be on time and ready to get to work."

Despite his many obligations and consequent lack of time, Doug said he tries to find time for himself. He knows that most people see him as easy-going, but he said he actually worries a great deal. A perfectionist, he puts his heart into everything he does.

"What makes me jump out of bed in the morning are the thoughts of security, four kids and a kind wife," he said. "I never thought that I would be saying something so stable." ■

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DOUG HERNANDEZ



He considers his life boring.

"All I do is go to work, go to school and try to go to organizations."

But he loves controversy.

"Sometimes I write [letters to *The Vermilion* editor] just to piss people off so they'll write back."

Meet Doug Hernandez — mild mannered and polite, yet ready to argue at the drop of a hat. Always at the center of any campus debate on racism and equal rights, he considers his arguing skills his best quality.

"I know how to make people stand up and listen," he said. "I know how to make people understand where I'm coming from."

Aside from creating controversy on campus, Hernandez leads a full life. He manages to hold down a job while attending school full-time. He is also a member of several campus organizations. When he is not busy with these obligations, Hernandez rides his bicycle, sleeps or writes.

"I like to skim through *The Vermilion* the *Daily Advertiser* and the *Morning Advocate* and write reply letters to practice opinionated writing," he said.

In his leisure time, Hernandez reads science fiction, books by L. Ron Hubbard and Stephen King. He also listens to music by the Eagles, Dan Fogelberg and Chicago. And he likes to bowl.

"Bowling was a passion until I had to work," he explained. During his first year at USL, Hernandez was on the USL collegiate bowling team. He proudly said that USL beat LSU three of the five times the two teams competed when he was on the team.

He hopes to use his debating skills when he become a lawyer. Originally, he said he wanted to become a personal injury lawyer (because it pays well). Later, he discovered that criminal law sparked a greater interest within him.

"I would like to be a district attorney to put criminals away," he said, "or a defense lawyer to get them off."

He added that he is not interested in a career in politics because he does not speak well in public. "I'm too much of an introvert to be a politician," he said. "The only time I can speak [in public] is when I'm agitated."

Hernandez said that getting into law school will be hard because he is white. He attributed this to affirmative action laws, which he opposes. He explained that his disagreement with affirmative action does not mean he

opposes blacks or minorities. His own father, a native of Colombia, is part of a minority group, he said.

Hernandez defined affirmative action as being "a way to put less qualified people into more qualified positions." According to the outspoken "equal rights" advocate, affirmative action often equates with "reverse discrimination."

Hernandez is probably best known around campus for his controversial and widely publicized attempts to create a white student union. Because the university would not allow him and his compatriots to name their group the White Student Union, they instead used SEARCH, an acronym for "Society for Euro-American Rights Culture and Heritage." Hernandez became president of the organization in 1990.

Hernandez said that what he stands for "is not an issue of race, but an issue of rights." He said that by attacking affirmative action he is not attacking blacks. He said that blacks often approach him to talk.

"They want to hear what I have to say," he said.

According to Robert Norwood, former residence hall counselor and a black student, Doug Hernandez is misunderstood.

"He's a good person," Norwood said. "His ideas are progressive, and he is very vocal."

Norwood added that, although he understands Hernandez's opinions, he does not agree with them. Norwood said that Hernandez is not prejudiced, but his views are "clouded and misrepresented."

Hernandez supports university affairs by participating in Student Government. He is a senator for the College of Arts, Humanities and Behavioral Sciences.

According to Hernandez, a lot of money is appropriated through SGA, and not in ways that are beneficial. Hernandez hopes to change this. He said that he can speak for a lot of people on campus.

Hernandez has done reporting for *The Vermilion* and been a residence hall counselor. He described his time at the newspaper as memorable.

"Out of all the things I did at USL, I liked this the best," he said.

The next controversy Hernandez will be in the middle of is the abortion issue. An staunch pro-lifer, he says he wants to organize a group that will attack "the hideous thing we know as abortion." He's already begun work on the group's constitution. ■

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Tiffany Trail, sitting in the darkly lit Pizza Hut, was wearing a black-and-white blouse with fish on it, black slacks and eyeglasses — not exactly the image conjured up by her title, Miss USL.

One of her responsibilities as Miss USL was representing the university at the Miss Louisiana America pageant on June 15, 1991. She was constantly on the road preparing and competing for that contest.

She said that the whole experience was "wonderful" despite its difficulties. She did not place, but that didn't discourage her.

"Winning is not the object as long as you get something out of it," she said. She explained that the contest process taught her a great deal about herself.

"It's a wonderful system," Trail said after mentioning the \$500 scholarship she received along with her crown. "Especially if your parents are getting a divorce, and your daddy is not paying for college."

Referring to the recent disintegration of her parents' marriage, she

said, "I'm usually very positive about it. I'm trying to make the best of things."

As a wide smile spread across her face, she asked, "Do you want to know how I define success?" Without waiting for a reply, she said, "It's not how far up the ladder you go. It's being happy with what you do and being good at it."

She said that the only down part of the Miss Louisiana Pageant was that most of her competitors took it all so seriously. However, she does plan to vie for the title again.

As we ate lunch, Trail talked about herself. "I'm not the beauty-type person. I'm really down to earth." She said she decided to enter the Miss USL title at the last minute.

At the Miss Teen Lafayette pageant a few weeks before the Miss USL contest, Trail told last year's Miss USL, Jill Elmer, "I want your crown."

Trail is a sophomore in Elementary Education. She majored in choreographic design before her love for children motivated her to change. "My priorities changed," she said. She said that she plans to someday get married and have children.

TIFFANY TRAIL



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**"I love dill PICKLES...
and slalom skiing.
I HATE red meat —
vEINY THINGS."**

"Tiff is always the one who plays with the kids at family gatherings," said Roxanna Neuvill, Trail's aunt.

Trail's mom, Nanette, commented that she never dreamed Tiffany would go to college. "She never made the honor roll until her senior year."

Nanette was surprised when her daughter decided to be a teacher. "She always played school when she was growing up, but I never thought she would be a teacher. Never give up on your kids," she said.

As we ate our pizza, Trail thought on her likes and dislikes. "I love dill pickles... and slalom skiing," she said. "I hate red meat — veiny things."

Though her boyfriend, Tim, told her she would not be able to do it, Trail slalom skied the first time she went out on skis.

Trail said that, because of her busy schedule, she does not have a best friend at present. But she is very close to her mom. "She knows me best," Trail said. "As long as I can remember, Mom stressed it was important to be an individual — your

own person."

Because of her mom's influence, she said she has never felt threatened by peer pressure.

In addition to her mother's companionship, Trail has had a long list of pets including raccoons, ferrets, a skunk, and a monkey named Rodchester. The only monkeys in the house now, however, are part of the beauty queen's extensive stuffed-animal collection.

She referred to her dogs as "my human puppies."

Shawne Huval, who graduated from Cecilia High with Trail and worked with her in Students Against Drunk Driving, described her as "very outgoing person — the type that would help you if you need something."

Trail has worked with Volunteer Instructors Teaching Adults, Special Olympics and the Lafayette Association for Retarded Citizens.

As we decided we both had eaten enough pizza, Trail asked if I wanted to hear her motto. Again, she did not wait for my reply.

She said she switches mottos often, "but this is it now: God's gift to us is life, and our gift to God is what we make of it." ■



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"my mOTHER didn't bring me up to be mACHO.

**she tAUGHT mE more important vALUES like compassion,
loyalty, confidence and faith."**

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**At 22, Chance Cortez already knows
what he wants written on his tombstone.**

It should read: "Here lies a man who cared
enough about himself to care about others."

Born and raised in Reserve, La., Cortez said that helping others gives him an "inner-peace," and that by first loving himself, he is enabled to love others. "You have to care about yourself before you can successfully care about others," he said.

Though Cortez cited many influences that have made him the man he is today, his biggest seems to be his mother.

"I'm a momma's boy," he said. "My mother didn't bring me up to be macho. She taught me more important values like compassion, loyalty, confidence and faith."

Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity has also played an important role in Cortez's life. He said that the values his mother taught him were reinforced by the fraternity.

"SAE helped me become what I am today, but it hasn't changed me as a person," he said.

He explained that when he came to USL, he needed an outlet for involvement. SAE gave him that outlet, and its national office recently gave him something else: an award for his outstanding work during his two years as president of USL's chapter. Cortez was honored this summer for his role as an innovative leader in his chapter's progress and the progress of USL's fraternity system.

"I see Chance as a hard worker, a hands-on person," said John Morgan, USL SGA president and Cortez's SAE big brother.

Cortez hasn't limited his involvement to his fraternity. He also devotes time to a number of other university organizations. He is chairman of the Greek committee for alcohol awareness and acts as a student representative on the USL Communications Committee.

Cortez also has been a member of USL's Interfraternity Council for more than three years, serving first as a delegate, then president of the council. As president, his agenda was to "improve the [Greek] system and make a positive impact."

He said that in his four years as a fraternity member, he has seen a 180-degree turn in the Greek system. "Fraternities are making a sincere attempt to rekindle the original focus of their founding fathers," he said. "Greeks are stressing scholarship, community service and alcohol awareness."

In addition to the fraternity system and his mother's influence, Cortez attributes his success to his belief in God.

He explained that his spiritual life helps him to be a more effective leader. He said that his faith has helped him become more satisfied with himself and gives him the confidence to remain loyal to the principles he believes in.

Shannon Mathis, Cortez's girlfriend of two years, commented on his leadership role on campus. "He loves being involved, if he didn't have all

this to do, he just wouldn't be happy."

Describing him as "dynamic," Mathis said she was first impressed by his openness.

Although Cortez is dedicated to all of his involvements, he does take time out for himself. While his weekdays are devoted to studies and campus involvements, weekends are reserved for "getting away and relaxing," usually with Mathis. He enjoys horseback riding, drawing and writing poetry. He said that when he has time, he returns home to Reserve and is a complete "couch potato."

A senior in business management, Cortez is beginning to get a clearer picture of his future. With a wide grin, he said that his "current goal" is to graduate with a 3.0 GPA.

In the business world, he said, "I hope to incorporate everything I have learned and work up to a senior-level management position." He said he has no interest in owning his own company because "anyone can own a company, it just takes money." He said that managing a company that belongs to someone else will be much more challenging than owning one.

Cortez has also found his experience at USL a challenge. "My success here at USL is genuine," he said. He said that the opportunities and influences of campus have made it "easy to succeed."

Cortez is indisputably content with his accomplishments at USL. When asked whom he would choose to be if he could be anyone else for one day, he responded, "I wouldn't want to be anyone else, just me, Chance Michael Cortez." ■



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When Dana Belaire was named USL's 1991 spring outstanding graduate, it was as if the university

was extending a big "thank you" for all of her hours of dedication and hard work.

"I could not move," Belaire said of her response to the announcement. "I was overwhelmed."

Although involved in a number of university service groups, Belaire said that being Bonin house director was the most rewarding.

"It got me into everything. It all started there," she said. She explained that the position helped her to improve her communication skills.

Belaire said that she is often told that she is easy to talk to.

"I like to keep things in my life simple. I try to avoid a lot of complications," she said.

USL became her choice of universities when she was offered a scholarship after she graduated from high school in 1987. Belaire said that she enjoyed USL "because of the control that students have over much of the university. There is a little place for everyone. The student leadership is so important and recognized."

A speech pathology major in the honors program, Belaire was also a member of a number of other organizations including the National Student Speech, Language and Hearing Association; Union Program Council, where she was Lagniappe Day chairman; and Blue Key honor society, of which she was president her senior year. Belaire was also president of Alpha Lambda Delta honor society, a freshman orientation group leader, and a lector for five semesters at Our Lady of Wisdom Catholic Church.

Another one of her favorite activities was being on the Freshman Orientation Staff where she conducted the campus tours for two years along with many other responsibilities.

According to Sekaran Murugaiah, Freshman Orientation

coordinator, Belaire is "very creative." He said, "She has a knack for making people comfortable. She has a lot of leadership talent and is very down to earth."

Belaire received several honors including being listed on "Who's Who Among American College and Universities" and becoming "Outstanding Undergraduate" in the Communicative Disorders department.

Belaire let her leadership show when she was in charge of 1991's Lagniappe Day, the annual crawfish bash sponsored by the Union Program Council.

"The responsibility was a lot more overwhelming than I imagined," she said. "I learned that I had to be flexible no matter how organized I was."

Belaire especially liked the opportunity the festival gave her to be creative.

"I liked the advertising and promotion side of it the most," she said. Pulling people together and seeing the finished product made all of the work worth while.

Belaire is a woman who knows what she wants and how to go about getting it. She said that she likes to plan ahead and that her friends often poke fun at her "things to do" list.

"I'm a very disciplined, organized person," she said.

Belaire left Lafayette in the fall to begin working on her Masters degree at the University of Alabama where she was awarded a graduate assistantship in speech pathology. She said she would like to eventually work in the rehabilitation of stroke and head-injury victims.

When she is afforded the pleasure of free time, Belaire said she enjoys going to the area festivals and exploring the Cajun culture. "I absolutely love to country dance," she said.

The New Iberia native considers her ability to understand other her biggest asset. "I feel it is important to understand the reasons behind why a person acts a certain way. Then I can approach it from there."

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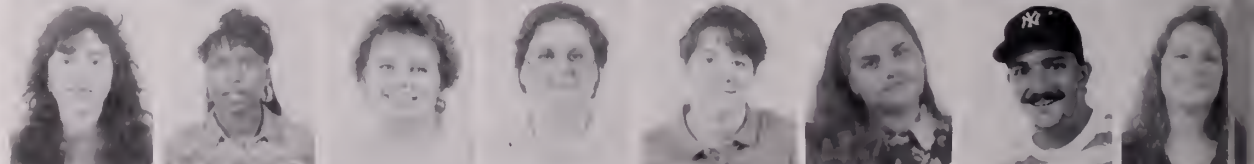
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Mike Resweber soars above most other USL students. At least when he's skydiving.

"It's wild," he said of the unusual hobby he began when one of his friends encouraged him to try it. He said, however, that he is not able to jump as often as he would like because it is an expensive hobby.

Besides, school and his job are more important than jumping from airplanes.

Resweber's wife, Mary K., said she likes to be on hand when he does get to make a jump. She explained that she wanted to be around just in case something goes wrong. "It makes me nervous," she said.

Her husband's job may also make her nervous.

As the University Police's head student officer, Resweber is very active. He said that even though he does not have a set schedule, the job takes up a great deal of his time. "It's necessary to separate my time," he said. "It's a time-management thing, trying to study and work."

Resweber joined the campus police force five years ago when Michael Neustrom, a professor of a Criminal Justice course he was taking, suggested he apply. "I told him that I didn't want to be a policeman," Resweber recalled. But he changed his mind.

A senior in Business Management, Resweber considered changing his major to Criminal Justice after attending the police academy in preparation for his position on the UP.

"It's okay for part time," he said, adding that he did not want to police as a full-time career.

Resweber is a lover of the outdoors. In addition to skydiving, he water skis, fishes, and occasionally goes canoeing with his wife. He also enjoys horseback riding. One of his favorite experiences as a police officer was when the UP had a horseback patrol. "I used to ride one of the horses," he said. "I enjoyed the hell out of that."

Besides his wife, there is another woman in Resweber's life. His daughter Kathryn Angelle was born September 3, 1991. He said that life with this new member of the Resweber family has been an "eye-opening experience."

Mary K. said that, before Kathryn arrived, her husband would always shy away from babies. Now he has a different attitude. "He's a super dad. He helps with feeding and things," she said.

The Reswebers enjoy camping. Mary K.'s sister lives in Hot Springs, Ark. When time allows, they go up for a visit.

"It's just gorgeous," Mike said. He said that he and Mary K. had bought a new tent but have not been able to try it out since Kathryn's birth.

Resweber is not your typical student. He came to USL in 1987, ten years after graduating from Lamar University with an associate degree in Applied Sciences. Between college careers, he worked in the oil industry, first overseas, then in the states. With the industry slump in the mid-eighties, he was out of work.



MIKE RESWEBER

"Things slowed down and I was looking for another job," he said. Then, his family persuaded him to take advantage of the opportunity and return to school.

He said that he thought it was a good idea, except for one thing: bills. But his family convinced him that he would always have bills, school or no school. "Go ahead and do it," they said. So he did.

It was tough at first because his wages as a policeman were low, and readjusting to school took a little time.

Resweber still associates with his high school friends. He and several New Iberia Catholic High graduates participate in a softball tournament sponsored by the high school's alumni every summer. "Our class won last year," he said proudly. "That's pretty good considering [we graduated in 1974]." He said there was a lot of Ben Gay and Icy Hot out on the field.

Resweber's wife said that he is quick to make new friends. "We walk on campus, and people greet him. He's the kind of person you remember." ■

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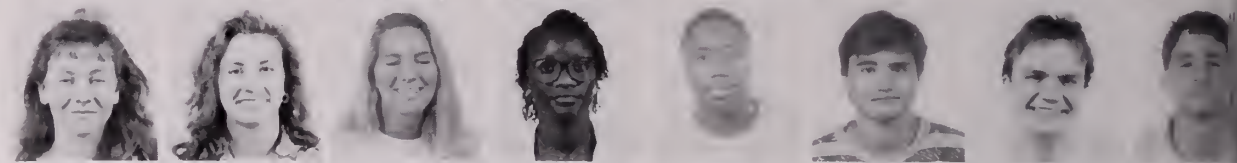
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"bELIEVE it or not, I like to mOW the lawn."

A day in the life of Anita DeRouen would exhaust anyone.

From morning to night she's so busy that she often must struggle to find time for friends and social life. Mornings are the roughest part of DeRouen's day, especially on school days.

"I can never get up when I'm supposed to," she said. "I just keep hitting the snooze button!" She said she tries hard to avoid eight o'clock classes, but, because she is a senior and her class choices are limited, she often finds herself in the classroom at that time.

After class DeRouen spends a good chunk of her time at the UPC office, where she chairs the entertainment committee and plans campus events including films, dances and parties.

"There's so much money we have to spend," she exclaimed, "and most people don't take advantage of it."

By night, she is Evangeline Hall's residence counselor, which means that her normal bed time is usually one or two in the morning.

When she does find time for homework, math is always last. "I save the unpleasant things for last," she said.

"I love math class but hate doing the homework."

DeRouen worked at Kinko's on weekends this summer. She explained that she really did not have time to work, but "something has to pay the bills."

During the summer months, when most students relaxed and took time off, DeRouen acted as assistant director for the USL Performing Arts Department's production of Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream*.

Not having previous experience as a director, DeRouen had auditioned for an acting role. When they offered her the position as assistant director instead, she did not know whether to be "flattered or insulted."

John Fiero, an English professor who appeared in the summer production heard DeRouen's reading when she tried. DeRouen "enunciated the lines of Shakespeare well," Fiero said. He added that DeRouen was one of the few in the cast who actually understood what she read, even though she was not cast in a role. He said that she made a good assistant director as well.

"I think she did a wonderful job," he said. "She could probably learn to be a good director."

Fiero was impressed with the fact that DeRouen was able to correct anyone who missed a part without even looking at the text.

"She had memorized the damn thing!" he said. He added that she was also patient when dealing with other people's incompetencies.

The only qualms he had with DeRouen was that she always missed her 8 a.m. Shakespeare class. Fiero attributed this to her busy schedule.

DeRouen said she that she likes to shop when she gets a break in her routine. She described herself as a "fanatic for bargains."

"I hate polyester," she said. "I'm not into synthetic fabrics, except rayon."

The English major also loves to read. Two books she was reading during the summer were *Only Begotten Daughter*, which she described as "sci-fi trash," and *How I Got Him Back* by Valerie Sayers.

"Every now and then, I like to go home," DeRouen said. "And believe it or not, I like to mow the lawn. It's so peaceful." She said that mowing is one of her favorite summer activities. Her parents home is in New Iberia.

Speaking politically, DeRouen said that she believes in democracy but that it's not working in this country. Governmental positions should have a higher turnover rate, and people should not be allowed to make a career out of politics, she said. "It should be something you do to help out your country."

She explained that just because someone is good in office does not mean he should stay in that position permanently. Instead he should move over and allow others to contribute.

"Of course I could be wrong about that," DeRouen said, expressing an attitude of tolerance she holds toward many issues. She said that she did not let conflicting opinions bother her because she believes in herself.

"Believe in yourself," she said. "If you don't believe you are a good person, then no one else will." ■

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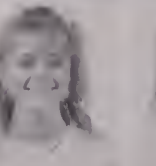
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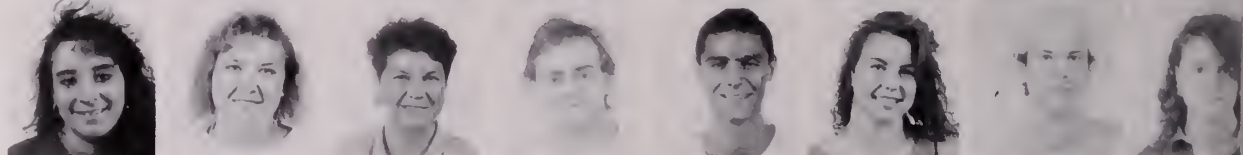
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CHRIS HARE

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Music is Chris Hare's passion.

"There is a need for music," he said. "It's the most natural thing I can think of."

Hare is tall and thin with long brown hair. Although generally quiet, he had much to say about music.

He first got into music when he was 12. After getting a dose of MTV, he wanted to learn to play guitar. Unlike most childhood whims, however, Hare has taken guitar playing very seriously.

"By the time I became a senior [in high school] I wanted to make it a career because I'm not interested in much else," he said.

Not only is he majoring in music, but he spends much of his time teaching guitar to others at home and at USL's Gumbo U.

Hare said that his most memorable experience was a musical one. It occurred at a convention in New Orleans where he met Dave Grusin, owner of the exclusive jazz record label, GRP. Grusin has won several Grammys and scored soundtracks to the movies *Tootsie* and *The Graduate*.

Hare does have a few interests besides music. His favorite book is *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy*. He said he also enjoys the poetry of T.S. Eliot. But that's about the extent of his outside interests.

At school Hare plays mostly jazz and classical music, but heavy metal is not totally out of the question. From October, 1987 to May, 1991, he was in a heavy metal band called "Silent Warning" that played both heavy metal and thrash music, which Hare described as "a more aggressive form of heavy metal."

"Nobody likes to listen to thrash except other musicians," he added.

Hare's parents did not approve of music as his choice of careers. They wanted him to major in computer science, but Hare was deadset on playing music.

"My parents were really against me majoring in music," he explained. "But it was either I come to school to play music or not come to school and play music."

Hare does not limit his appreciation of music to just a few genres. He appreciates all types of music, even if he doesn't like it.

According to Hare, there are artists today that are as brilliant as historical greats like Bach and Mozart.

"Prince is a genius because he's taken dance music and pop and made it artistic," he said. "He's put legitimacy into it."

Hare said he also admires the work of Chic Corea and described him as "a very avant garde jazz keyboardist." He said that Corea has always been a jazz fusion ground-breaker.

Hare has been greatly influenced by USL guitar teacher Tom Wolfe, whom Hare considers the best musician he has ever met. He described Wolfe as being an "incredibly nice guy," adding that other music professors are not as easy to work with.

Wolfe regards Hare with equal admiration.

"He's got a natural ability in music," Wolfe said. "It's a great pleasure to teach him." He added that Hare has a very "accessible" personality.

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Hare is secretary of the music fraternity, Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia. He explained that the fraternity is becoming well known for its performances of the national anthem at many USL activities. He is also involved in several jazz groups at USL.

In addition to guitar instruction at USL's Gumbo U, Hare teaches private lessons. He gets many of his students by referral from Vince's Backstage Music Store and Lafayette Music Company. Mike Feigler of Vince's Backstage Music Store said that he first got to know Hare as a customer.

"He's Tom Wolfe's prized student," Feigler said. He added that because Wolfe refers many of his private lesson students to Hare, Vince's started referring its customers to him as well.

"Chris is a great guitar player," Feigler said. "He can get down to the student's level."

"Most people are beginners," Hare said of his students. He added that he teaches 23 students a week, "provided that they come."

After graduation Hare hopes to get his Master's in either music composition or jazz performance. He plans to go to either North Texas State or Eastman School of Music in Rochester, N.Y. ■

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GREG SCHEXNAILDER



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"It really ticks me off when I see someone wearing purple and gold," exclaimed Greg Schexnailder, USL Parking and Transit's head bus driver.

With those words, and a few others, Schexnailder made it clear that he hates apathy for USL among his fellow students. "It drives me up a wall," he said.

He explained that, while in high school, he was not planning on a college career, but once he decided he became "pretty loyal to the university."

Schexnailder said that because he took only the minimum needed to graduate from high school, his college career had a shaky start. "I struggled at first at USL and hated it. Now I love it."

He loved it so much that he got really involved in many organizations including Phi Kappa Theta, the Criminal Justice Society, SGA and Varsity Cheerleading. Schexnailder met his wife, Angie, when they were both on the varsity squad.

Schexnailder got married only days before his National Guard unit was activated during Desert Storm. Staff Sergeant Schexnailder made it to Fort Polk, then Fort Hood, but didn't go overseas.

The war caused him to take a more sober view of life. "I learned a lot about myself — it reinforced a lot of values," he said.

Schexnailder came home to fill another position — daddy. Garrett Schexnailder was born March 13, 1991, when his father was stationed at

Fort Hood.

As he talked about how Angie and Garrett have enriched his life, he proudly flashed their pictures.

Desert Storm set Schexnailder back one semester. Instead of graduating with his wife in the Spring 1991 semester, he graduated in fall 1991.

Connie Elmore, cheerleader adviser, described Schexnailder as "a real special friend." She said that on cheerleader trips, Schexnailder would sit at the front of the van and navigate and help her keep awake.

Elmore said that when Schexnailder tried out for the squad she saw him she said, "Wow — he's big." (Schexnailder is 6' 2" .) She added that all of the men on the squad that year were big, so he fit right in.

Elmore said that Schexnailder was dependable responsible, lots of fun — and accident prone.

Schexnailder, an avid cyclist both on and off road who even races some, is "always getting in some kind of accident," Elmore quipped.

Vickie West, Schexnailder's sister, confirmed her brother's tendency toward clumsiness. West, who works for the Office of Information Systems in Martin Hall, said that Schexnailder was almost always getting hurt or getting into trouble when they were growing up. "There's always a 'Greg story,'" she said. She told a few

Once she received a phone call from the university infirmary to go and pick him up because he had developed a staff infection where a runaway log had hit him in the leg. Another time, while using a chain saw at his fraternity house, he slashed his hand so badly he

required 23 stitches.

West said that when her brother and his friends traveled to New Orleans for his bachelor party, he got separated from his friends on Bourbon Street and wound up spending his bachelor party without them.

Family is a priority to Schexnailder. He is from Arnaudville, where his parents, Joe and Marie, still live. He said they are his biggest influence. "I was a pretty bad kid," he said.

But it looks like that's changed because he said that his parents are always a factor when he makes major decisions. Before he does anything that might greatly effect his future, he thinks of how it will affect his parents. He said if he learned that something he did could hurt them, he would change his plans.

Most Sundays the Schexnailder family gets together for dinner at his parents home. Schexnailder and his two sisters and brother and their families sit around and play cards afterward.

Schexnailder said he loves to cook. "I do most of the cooking at home," he said, smiling.

He also likes to Cajun dance.

And he actually likes his work. He said that, though it could get aggravating at times, he tried not to take it personally. "It's a growing experience," he said. "You learn about people."

He said he tries to make the best of things, even when the situation looks grim. "You have to look toward the bright side." ■

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Student Scope: Shawn Wilson, 707

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The decor in Shawn Wilson's Voorhies dorm room, diverse and thought-provoking, reflects the life of the man who lives there.

His walls are adorned with road signs denoting parking spaces and marking miles traveled. On one shelf is an array of Egyptian paraphernalia including a plaque depicting the legendary pharaoh Ramses the Great. Above the shelf is a clock with the letters of Wilson's fraternity, Alpha Phi Alpha.

In one corner of the room sits a giant plastic beer bottle, while on the opposite side of the room is a table that has been converted into a desk. "Important papers" describing the many activities in which Wilson is involved are adhered to the wall near the table.

Next to the unmade bed is a series of make-shift shelves with books ranging from the Bible to *A New American Justice*. Off to the side is a brand-new television set.

"I'm a person who loves myself and shows it by buying things for myself," Wilson explained. He said he bought the television for himself even though he really didn't want it.

Despite this habit of giving himself gifts, Wilson doesn't seem to be a conceited person. While walking to class, he smiles and waves to at least a dozen people that he knows. The telephone in his dorm room rings constantly.

Wilson described himself as a unique person concerned about the future. He said he is afraid that the world will end before he has completely fulfilled his life. His many ambitions include having a big family, but he has not yet found the woman with whom to start that family.

"I like an intelligent woman who accepts change and gives me the freedom to be the man I need to be to reach my full potential," Wilson explained.

Change is one of the dominant themes of Wilson's life. During the fall semester he was debating whether to change his religious affiliation from Christianity to the Moslem faith. A self-described "spiritual person," he said he's really not sure he wants to limit himself to the doctrines of any particular religion.

The desire for change has powered Wilson and drawn him into many collegiate activities. "I see things on campus and want to do my part to improve on it," he said.

Wilson did not become involved in cam-

pus activities until his second semester at USL.

"I was a nerd my first semester," he said. Then he found the Residence Hall Association. At first, he served as a hall representative. But by fall of last year he was director of Voorhies Hall.

In the spring of 1990, Wilson pledged Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity and later became its president. He also served on the Inter-Fraternity Council and the Black Greek Council.

He sings for the USL Gospel Choir, serves on the African-American Culture Committee, served on the Student Orientation Staff and worked with Youth Opportunities Unlimited, a community service organization.

Wilson does find time for relaxation and fun, however. One of his favorite hangouts is Bennigan's Tavern where he always orders a deep-fried Monte Cristo sandwich and a margarita.

He also enjoys playing racquetball, as long as he can play it his way. "I don't want to take it as a class," he explained, "because they'll make me learn to play it right."

Wilson said he enjoys music. Usually he first thing he does when he gets into his dorm room is turn on his cassette player. His favorite types of tunes are from the 60s, the Band Era and jazz, and his favorite artists include Duke Ellington and a Christian group called Take 6.

Wilson is majoring in nursing and hopes to someday own a nursing home or run a hospital.

Wilson said that one of his most prominent friends at USL is Jimmy Clarke, dean of Enrollment Management. Clarke, former dean of Student Personnel, has worked closely with Wilson via his connection with the residence halls, the orientation program and other organizations that thrive on student leadership.

Clarke said he was very impressed with Wilson's contributions to the campus community.

"I've probably seen more personal and intellectual growth from Shawn than any other student at USL," Clarke said. "He's a people person, extremely articulate and a good spokesperson for the university." ■



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VINCENT BARRAS



Vincent P. Barras wears three masks: student, teacher and actor.

During the fall of 1991, Barras budgeted his time among teaching at Catholic High School in New Iberia, taking 12 hours at USL and acting in the Lafayette Community Theatre production of *Our House*.

"Teaching and acting take up 90 percent of my life," Barras said. "School is the byline of my life," he added sheepishly. He is also involved in many honors organizations including Blue Key National Honor Fraternity, Honor's Board and Phi Alpha Theta, a history honors organization. He was president of Phi Alpha Theta this fall.

"He's a true Renaissance Man," Pat Rickels, director of the honors program said of Barras.

"He's not a specialist," Rickels added. "He's extremely wide in his interests." She said that Barras has taken a more active role in theatre than most theatre majors.

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Barras' grades do not suffer because of his extra activities. He's been on the Dean's List practically every semester during the last four years.

Although theatre takes up a major part of his time at USL, Barras is not majoring in Theatre. Instead he is working toward a double major in education and arts. Barras wants to teach both math and social studies.

"I've known since I was in the ninth grade that I wanted to teach," he said. He hopes to get a job teaching at Acadiana High School where he interned as a student teacher. He said that he would like to eventually teach at a university.

So, how did he get so involved in acting? In high school he was active in speech and debate, but he did not land his first acting role until November 1988 when he tried out for a part in his favorite play *House of Blue Leaves*.

"I auditioned for the play, a non-theatre major, and got the lead!" Barras explained. "It helped that I knew the play by heart."

From there, Barras' role in USL theatre grew. Since that first success he said he's tried out for almost every play at USL. "Acting is a gift from God," he said, "and I'm not going to ignore that gift." He added that, for him, acting is a very uplifting activity.

"It does wonders for my ego because I always try to do a competent job," he said. "I like praise for doing things well."

According to Barras, his best performances include his roles as "Artie" in *House of Blue Leaves* and "Editor Webb" in *Our Town*. He explained that those were the only two dramatic roles that he has played. All others have been in comedies.

"*House of Blue Leaves* is really about co-dependency," Barras explained. "It's about trapped people in trapped lives, and I like that."

Barras' career in theatre has not been all rosy. He has taken on roles that were less than enjoyable. He said that his worst performance was when he played "Sir Politic Wouldbe" in the commedia *Volpone*.

"Commedia just doesn't appeal to me," Barras said. He defined the "Wouldbe" character as "stereotypical."

Barras said that his most difficult role was that of "Rheuna Bibeau" in *Les Belles Sœurs*, the French/English play. He played a 60-year-old lesbian who spoke no English. It was the only play in which he had to consciously memorize his lines word for word. According to Barras, he can speak French, but he doesn't understand a word he's saying.

"I went into the Red Room [in the theatre] and memorized my line sound for sound," Barras said. He explained that he usually reads his lines a few times before going on stage during rehearsal. He rewords the lines until he eventually gets them right.

Barras has been a member of the Newman Club, USL's Catholic student organization, for three years and served as the group's treasurer for two years. He has organized homecoming activities, fund-raisers and socials.

Barras attributes his college successes to his high school experience: "Catholic High taught me two things," he said, "excellent time management skills, and [the fact that] people can value you just for who you are not for what you do." He added that he learned "to stay five steps ahead of the game" to survive. ■

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Becky Harvey is a belly dancer.

Her other jobs

at Follet's Bookstore and Target are not bizarre compared to what students traditionally do to finance their education. But belly dancing for Cheers Singing Telegrams defies the norm.

For three to five minutes almost every day, Harvey makes old and young alike blush, scream, or dance — or all three.

"The main reason I started belly dancing was because economics were severely pressing," said the 20-year-old sophomore majoring in Elementary Education.

Walking into Cheers last spring, she told them desperately, "I've had it! I can't find a job, but I can be a clown. What do you want me to do?"

Cheers told her that they already had a clown. Then they asked if she would belly dance. Harvey considered it.

When she asked Kenny, who was her fiance at the time, how he felt about it, he had reservations. She accepted anyway, and Cheers taught her how to belly dance.

Harvey, who married Kenny a short time after becoming a belly dancer, said she enjoys her work. She said that she would not have considered taking such a peculiar job if her employment options hadn't been so scarce.

She admitted being a little embarrassed during early performances. "I've always been shy, never an exhibitionist," Harvey explained.

Harvey's first routine was before an elderly man at his retirement party. She said the man seemed more interested in his dinner than in watching her dance.

"He just sat in his chair and kept eating his food," she said. "His family had to take his food away so he would watch me."

Kat Wells, Harvey's mother, said she was surprised when her daughter told her that she was going to be a belly dancer. The initial shock gave way to fear, however. "I was scared for Becky because of all the places she might have to go to do her routines," Wells said.

At her mothers prompting, Harvey discussed the matter with Cheers. In addition to the agency screening all Belly Dancer requests, Harvey has the right to refuse any job she feels may be unsafe. As an additional safeguard, Harvey is usually accompanied by her husband or her 16-year-old brother Robbie.

Robbie Wells said that being with his sister during her performances is enjoyable, except that he sometimes notices men "lying" at her. "It doesn't bother me when I'm there because I can look out for her, but when I'm not, I worry about her," he said.

As Cheers' only belly dancer, Harvey speculated that no one else has the courage to perform her job. Without the veil that conceals her identity, she said that she wouldn't do it either. "Up their, that veil is my life," she said.

Her clients are all men ranging in age from 18 to elderly. Harvey explained that her clients' personalities vary as much as their ages.

"Some of them just sit there. They'll be real quiet and turn red," she said. "Others get real wild, act crazy, dance and show off in front of their friends."

Having no formal training as a belly dancer, Harvey said she improvises on what the folks at Cheers taught her.

"People who I belly dance for aren't really looking at my hips. They're looking at each other saying, 'I can't believe this,'" Harvey said.

For her performances, Harvey dresses in a sequined top, high-cut bottom, a thin sash covering most of her body — and a veil. Harvey begins the dance as someone hits the play button on the jam box. Harvey gives the client a smile and a balloon, moving to the music as she clanks her fingertip castanets.

Because of the veil, Harvey said she is rarely recognized by onlookers, but she often recognizes her audience.

Wells, who sometimes assists her daughter, said that she enjoyed watching the expressions on faces of her audience. "I can even see Becky laughing behind her veil sometimes," she said.

Harvey does her routine to an obscure, Far-East-sounding song on The Beatles' *Sargent Peppers Lonely Hearts Club Band* albumn entitled "Within You Without You."

For a routine that lasts from three to five minutes, Harvey gets \$21 — 30% of the \$69.95 that Cheers charges. She sometimes performs 10 times a week, clearing \$210.00 for no more than 50 minutes work.

She said that if she were offered another job with the same pay, she would probably choose to keep belly dancing. ■

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LISA TRAYLOR

If you're not reading your Verm, you're scaring Lisa Traylor.

"My biggest fear," she said, "is that the students on this campus would not consider *The Vermilion* a valuable asset to this university."

Traylor, who rose from her position as assistant editor to editor in chief in the summer, said she plans to keep the quality of the newspaper high by maintaining the quality of the writing. She said she also wanted to make it more appealing to the eye. "I think that it's important to incorporate a more graphic aspect into the paper," she said.

The editor, ambitious and able, was bitten by the journalism bug at an early age.

Traylor's mother, Vergie, said that her daughter always wanted to be a reporter and that she put out a neighborhood newspaper when she was a child. "It was called the *Neighborhood Journal*, and Lisa was the editor, publisher and writer. She had one of her friends as a staff member," Vergie said.

The bug kept biting.

The encouragement of a high school English teacher fanned Traylor's interest in newswriting, she said. "We started a little newspaper on campus at my high school. It only lasted for a year. When I look back on it now, it was funny. None of us knew what we were doing."

Although most agree that Traylor definitely knows what she's doing now, she described her position as editor as a "scary" responsibility.

Traylor said *The Vermilion* is the campus watchdog. It reports on everything from SGA meetings to how student



registration fees are spent. "We try to be as fair, truthful and as accurate as possible — even if it puts the university in a bad light," she said.

She said that she tries not to let the pressure of being in charge get to her — and not to let the prestige of it go to her head.

"I talk to the other editors a lot and make sure that everyone is involved and has a responsibility to take care of," she said.

Associate editor Stacy Dartez said that Traylor allows the staff to use their own judgment on stories. She is, however, very meticulous about grammar and following stylistic rules.

"She is very organized," Dartez said. "Not to the point of becoming obnoxious, but enough to get things done."

As editor, Traylor is constantly concerned with "fairness," according to Dartez. She strives to be unbiased and tries to cover anything that is brought to her or her staff's attention.

Dartez said that Traylor is both loved and admired by the newspaper staff. "Her door is always open. She will listen to anyone — students, faculty, writers — whoever has a question or comment." Dartez added that Traylor's enthusiasm is an inspiration.

"She is so proud of *The Vermilion*," the associate editor added. "We all respect her judgment, so we try to do the best that we possibly can."

Traylor, who has made as big an impact on USL as any *Vermilion* editor, cited two reasons why she chose to be a Ragin' Cajun. One reason is the size of the campus. The other is God.

USL is small enough to get personal attention, and the instructors care about the students, according to Traylor. "I also prayed a lot," she said. "God led me here for a purpose."

Traylor, a Port Barre native, is majoring in journalism and minor in photography and English. She's a member of many campus organizations, including the Society of Professional Journalist, Sigma Gamma Mu honor society, Gamma Beta Phi honor society and *Vermilion* honor society. She enjoys reading, aerobics and watching *Star Trek: The Next Generation* in her free time. She said that the sci-fi program appeals to her logical nature.

"I enjoy the idea that good always wins over evil and that everyone can live together in peace. Besides, Captain Picard is one great looking old man," she said.

The "somewhat confident, reserved and easy-to-talk-to" Lisa, as she describes herself, would like to start her real-world career as a reporter for a local newspaper. Although trained in production and desk top publishing — and although she's entertaining the idea of working with the Peace Corps — writing is still her first love. ■

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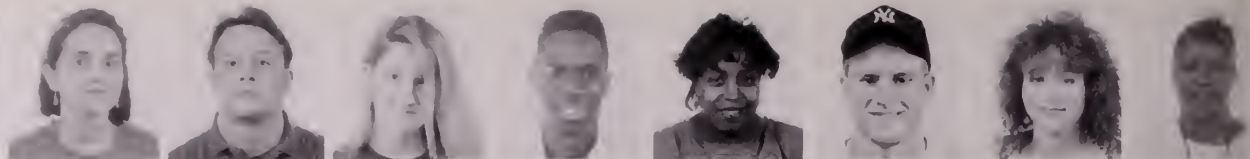
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Troy Wingerter walked out of the Conference Center elevator carrying a Stephen King novel and sporting a broken hand. The 6-foot-3-inch, 275-pound Ragin' Cajun football team center

did not look

all that intimidating off the field. "In the year of 1991, I have had a black cloud over my head," Wingerter said, motioning toward his injured hand. He broke it in USL's game against Wyoming. He said that this year he's had to deal with more bad stuff than anybody he knows.

He ran down his list of mishaps.

His girlfriend left him. He broke his thumb. He had to have his shoulder reconstructed, and it did not heal properly. In addition, he contracted poison oak — all over his face.

Tiffany Zehnder, a friend of Wingerter's, said she wanted to visit him when he was in the hospital with poison oak. When she spoke with Wingerter on the phone, he told her that it was a "very humbling experience," and cautioned her not to laugh when she saw him.

That was during the summer of 1990. When fall rolled around, he broke his hand and injured his shoulder again. Setbacks like this do not discourage him, though. He said he looks at those kinds of things as tests. So far he has scored "A's" in his ability to bounce back.

Wingerter, who said he inherited a light-hearted demeanor from his parents, joked about all his injuries. "I have an account at Lourdes," he said.

In Zehnder's opinion, Wingerter is "a great guy." When she first met him, however, she didn't think as highly of him.

"I hated him," she said. "He was cocky."

Zehnder said that she later got to know him better because two of her friends from St. Thomas Moore High School were also on the USL football team. As she saw more of his personality, she said that she discovered his dependability.

"He's always been there for me when I needed something," she said.

As a student at Archbishop Rummel High School in New Orleans, Wingerter played football, but he explained that he did not want to be classified as a football player. "I hate the stereotype," he said. "I tried to do everything that was not characteristic of being a football player."

In an effort to give more depth to his image, he ran for the school's track team and participated in "Big Brothers" and in peer counseling. Though he was not terribly active in high school student government, he said that was something that interested him.

A similar college regret is that his involvement in USL football has taken time away from participation in other campus organizations. Now a senior (his last season was fall '91), he mentioned his enjoyment of theater and said he still might get involved.

Though majoring in Business, Wingerter's true love is English. He said that he reads "constantly" and also enjoys writing.

Explaining why he chose Business, he said frankly, "There's no money in English."

His fall schedule was a busy one, leaving little room for activities or studying. Treatment for his shoulder injury took up blocks of time before and after classes. Football practice followed, keeping him busy until the evening hours. After eating supper, he did not have a whole lot of leisure time.

His usual habit was to unwind for awhile before beginning homework at night by watching television. "I usually study after *Cheers*," he said.

Though living the life of Troy Wingerter takes an incredible amount of time, he steals moments now and then to observe his fellow USL students. He said that one thing that really disturbs him is the habit some students have of wearing LSU paraphernalia. "I'm going to start a 'Ban LSU Day' in the spring," he said.

During high school, Wingerter received scholarship offers from several schools, including Tulane and Southern Mississippi. He said he still can't pinpoint the reason he chose USL. "There's just a certain something about USL," he said. ■



TROY WINGERTER



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"This is your life, your best friend's life, your brother's life. Life is what's important, not oil or a military base."

—student Paul Odekirk, co-coordinator of "Humanities for World Peace," a group that protested the Gulf War. (The Vermilion, Jan. 11)

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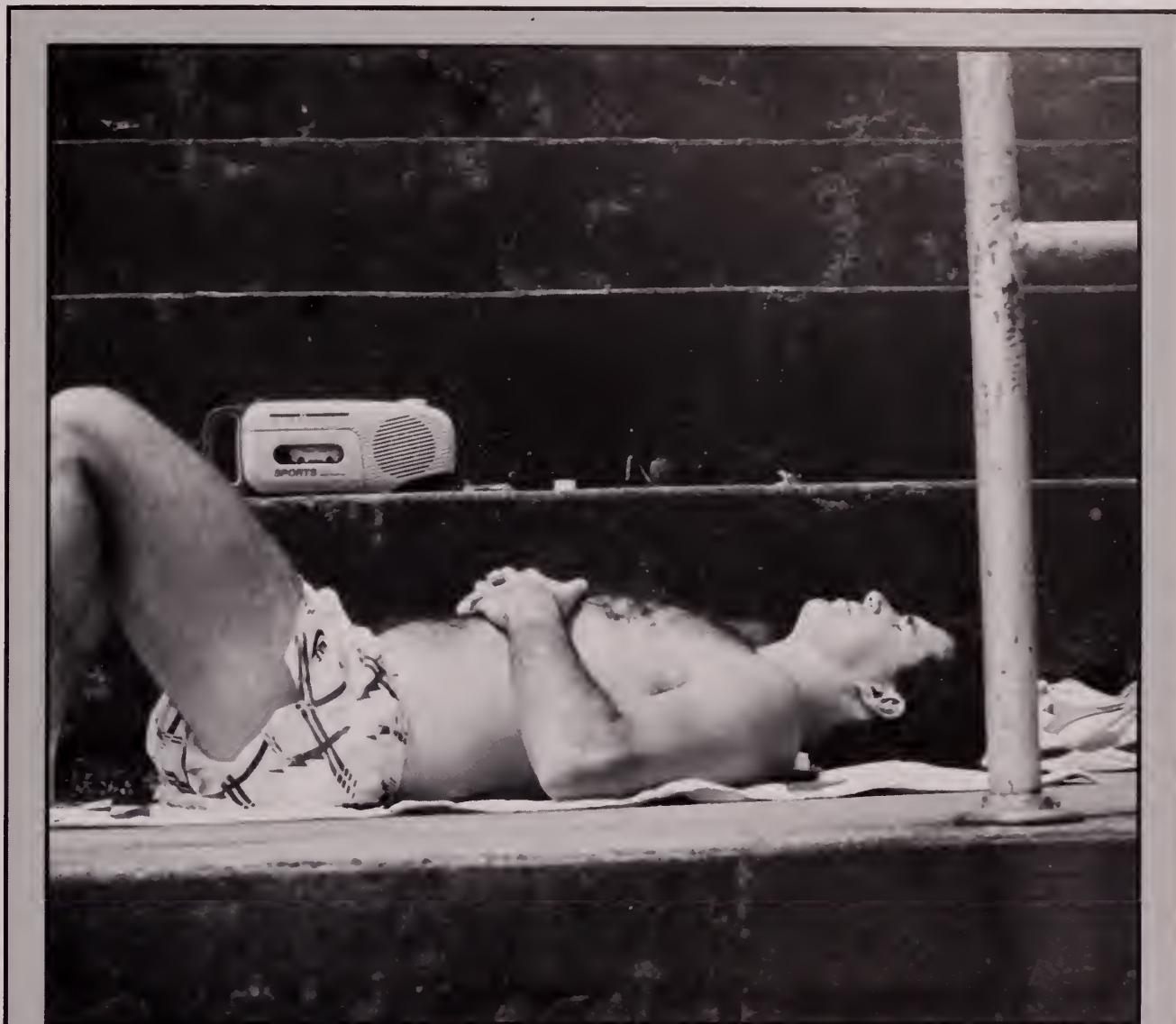
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burned your bras in the
60s doesn’t mean you
don’t have to put them
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—student Lee Wood on dancing on a chair with a stranger at a New Orleans bachelor party. (*The Vermilion*, Nov. 15)

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Editor's Letter



DANIEL LINCOLN

A few years ago I was researching a story *L'Acadien* was doing on condoms. Everyone knows what condoms are. They are, in fact, among the most important items on many students' shopping lists, ranking right up there with ramen noodles and beer.

I called the University Bookstore, which keeps the birth

control devices in stock, to get some information concerning how well condoms were selling. I introduced myself as a reporter for *L'Acadien* and asked my first condom question. There was laughter on the other end, followed by an extended silence.

"You're gonna put this in the yearbook?" the man on the phone finally asked in utter disbelief, oblivious to the fact that he was pissing me off. To this day, I'll bet that man thinks the phone call was some clever practical joke one of his friends was playing on him.

Why wouldn't he expect the yearbook to talk about sex? That's what students talk about. Believe it or not, some of them even do it. That man, like many, has an outdated idea of what a yearbook is. A good college yearbook is in tune to what's important to students in a given year, and it discusses those things accurately and realistically.

University yearbooks across the nation, including *L'Acadien*, have been tackling sex — and a lot more — for years now. But somehow an alarming number of people don't realize that.

Too often, the average student picks up his book and immediately turns to his own picture. Generally, he bitches because he decides his picture isn't terribly flattering, and then he puts his yearbook on the shelf to collect dust for 20 years, taking it down only rarely when needed

to look up girls his friends want to set him up with.

This is, of course, a legitimate function of a yearbook. God knows I've looked up a few pictures myself. But there's so much more in a yearbook — so much that so many never really see.

To remedy this, I decided to make a few changes in *L'Acadien*. In fact, I based the book's overall concept on the notion of change — change so daring that it might entice students to read their yearbooks.

On the heels of an American war in the Middle East, the staff and I chose the theme "A Shock to the System." It fit our concept and the year, which included a great number of shocks.

Breaking tradition isn't easy. But, as they say, nothing worth doing ever is. This year's staff worked hard to produce a book that will make USL take a second look at *L'Acadien*. Their dedication has been inspiring, and I want to extend my gratitude.

Thanks to fellow four-year *L'Acadien* veteran **Elizabeth Bell**. She was associate editor and served as the book's art director. She never ceased to amaze me; it seemed her creativity had no limits. But, more than that, she made trying to guide this book through often troubled waters a lot easier for me. She was there to help me make tough choices and to tell me, "you made your decision, now stick to it" when I doubted myself.

To *L'Acadien*'s first-ever business manager **Charlie Waltman**. Charlie was extraordinary. The finances of this book have never been run more efficiently. And my time (and mind) was "free to be creative."

To **Daniel Lincoln**, photography editor and my partner in crime. Danny is a wildly inventive photographer. And I do mean "wildly". Although I'm really not an admirer of rotting animal carcasses, I'm consistently impressed by his work. He guided the book photographically with a smooth, though often stressed-out, hand. (Danny, now that all's said and done, why spaghetti?)

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to me. He also did some fantastic photography for us, some of it in a pinch. But, perhaps most importantly, his strength of conviction on sensitive issues never failed to cause me to look more deeply into what I was doing and to consider why. That's always good.

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To Vice President of Student Affairs **Raymond Blanco**. It crossed my mind to make a big deal and dedicate this book to him. I would have gone on and on about his unflinching support for students' right to freedom of the press, but I don't think he takes praise very well. So I'll just say thanks.

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Finally, thanks to **Christ**.

There will be those who'll say that some of what's been included in this book isn't very Christian. And that just may be so. The thing is, however, that I didn't judge whether or not photos or articles were Christian or not before I approved them. I judged whether they said something insightful about 1991. I'm a journalist, and I tried to tell it like it was. That's how it was.

This is how it is: Jesus never fails. And I thank Him for being my power source and for giving me the courage to shake things up a little.



